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Rep. Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU) is urging the White House to conserve the waters around the CNMI's northern islands under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, a statute that requires public and business sector consultations on management issues, rather than unilaterally designating the region as a national monument.

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority, with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, led the ribbon cutting

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Participants pose for a group photo at the Commonwealth's Disability Employment Awareness Month summit. *See story on Page 4.*

Boy, 8, fatally shoots self with Uzi at gun show

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WESTFIELD, Mass. (AP)—With an instructor watching, an 8-year-old boy at a gun fair aimed an Uzi at a pumpkin and pulled the trigger as his dad reached for a camera.

It was his first time shooting a fully automatic machine gun, and the recoil of the weapon was too much for him. He

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2 lawmakers object to Friday's Rota session

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Lawmakers yesterday raised objections to the speaker's call for a session of the House of Representatives on Rota this Friday.

Rep. Stanley Torres questioned the need to conduct the session on Rota on the eve of All Saints' Day, an important tradition in the Catholic-dominated Commonwealth. Rep. Tina Sablan said having the session on Rota does not make fiscal sense, especially since 18 of the 20 House members have to travel from Saipan to Rota for what is expected to be a four-hour session.

Speaker Arnold I. Palacios defended his decision to call for the Rota session, saying it is "good public policy" to occasionally bring the Legislature to the other islands, not only Saipan. "The people of Rota are just as entitled to see the lawmaking process happen on their soil as the people in any senatorial district," he said.

He noted that the House has not held a session on Rota for over two years. He said the 16th House, since taking office in January, has postponed a Rota session twice already. "We need to bring this body to Rota," he said.

Palacios denied that House members want to take up a highly controversial issue away from media scrutiny, a common notion that many people following local politics get whenever the CNMI Legislature meets on Rota. He said there are numerous pending matters on the bill calendar, but there is "nothing very controversial."

Torres said he will not attend the session because it's Halloween. "Who is his right mind would go away from his island on the eve of All Saints Day? I would like to go to Rota but not this weekend. After the election, maybe," he said.

For Sablan, cost is the main issue.

"We are talking about possibly 20 members flying out to Rota, at over $200 each for airfare, plus food, plus hotel accommodations, plus transportation. Some of the members are flying out on Thursday morning or Thursday evening and will be staying overnight. Others will be flying out on Friday morning for the session, which starts at 10am. The speaker has indicated that we will meet for two hours, break for lunch, then meet for another two hours and catch the evening flight back. If the Friday evening flight is booked, as the Thursday evening flight is, then some members may have to stay overnight again. All for a four hour session? It doesn't make sense," Sablan said.

She added, "The fact that we haven't had a House session on Rota in over two years is probably attributed to the fact that the CNMI is in dire fiscal straits. Things are worse than ever, and this is probably the worst possible time to needlessly send 20 politicians over to Rota at taxpayers' expense so they can have a four-hour meeting."

Chamber sets 'E-mail into Gold' workshop

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for a workshop on Thursday aimed at teaching local business people how to use the Internet and e-mail to reach new customers.

The workshop, titled *Digital Dollars: How to Turn E-mail Into Gold*, will take place at the chamber's conference room in Garapan Oct. 30. Vincent Castro of the local marketing and advertising firm Hafacast will give a presentation on Web-based marketing strategies businesses can employ to bolster their advertising efforts.

"Especially with the economy continuing to go downhill, we're going to see people looking for lower cost alternatives to traditional advertising," the chamber's executive director, Kyle Calabrese, said in an interview, adding that Internet marketing can give businesses "a minimal expense way to increase sales without becoming a spam artist."

In addition, he said, the workshop will give business people ideas on how to 'build on their existing customer base" through Web-based marketing plans.

Seats at the workshop are limited to the first 30 guests. Entry will cost $10 for chamber members and $15 for non-members. To make reservations, contact chamber coordinator Tina Salas at coordinator@saipanchamber.com. ***(Stefan Sebastian)***

CORRECTION

The political advertisement that appeared in the *Saipan Tribune* on Oct. 24, 2008, regarding Candidate Judge Tudela Lizama should have identified Elias Maliti Rangamar of San Jose, Jimmy George Sablan of Susupe, Esther Fejeran Sound of Dandan, Alfonis M. Sound of Dandan, Frances Maliti Fejeran of Seattle, and Robert Maliti-Santos of Seattle, who are affiliated with the Citizens for Honest Government, as the ones responsible for placing the advertisement.

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Talks on impact of Guam buildup moves forward

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REPORTER

Representatives of various CNMI environmental agencies are in Guam this week to take part in the sixth round of partnering sessions, in preparation for the impending military buildup.

Approximately 80 people, including officials from the CNMI's Coastal Resources Management Office, Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Tinian Mayor's Office, are taking part in the session, lasting through tomorrow.

"The entire meetings are designed to prepare the environmental activities necessary for the transfer of the Marines from Okinawa to Guam and the CNMI. The primary focus is on environmental issues," said John Joyner, director of CNMI Coastal Resources Management Office.

Under the proposed Guam military buildup, approximately 8,000 U.S. Marines and 9,000 dependents will be transferred from Okinawa, Japan, to Guam. Construction of new defense facilities is slated to start in 2010, with the relocation to be completed in 2014. The cost of new infrastructure to be built could exceed $10 billion.

Although the focus of the relocation effort is in Guam, the program involves using Tinian and possibly Pagan and other parts of the CNMI's northern islands, as a military training site.

There are several environmental issues that will arise from such a large-scale move, Joyner said. Concerns about infrastructure, roads, transportation, solid waste disposal, landfill concerns, health care needs and schools are just some of the issues being discussed.

"Whatever takes in moving that large amount of people in that short amount of time, that's what we're discussing," he said.

The first meeting between the agencies took place two years ago, Joyner said, and it continue to be an ongoing discussion.

"It's a work in progress," he said. "When we first began it was the whole matter of how do we get to know each other. A move of this nature is an ongoing work. It's probably one of the most humongous activities the U.S. military has gone through. As a result there is no specific plan laid out to follow. So you have to…those of us in the military and non-military, we have to work together and work with this as an unfolding, developing concept."

Joyner said the next partnering session would probably be in February on Tinian.

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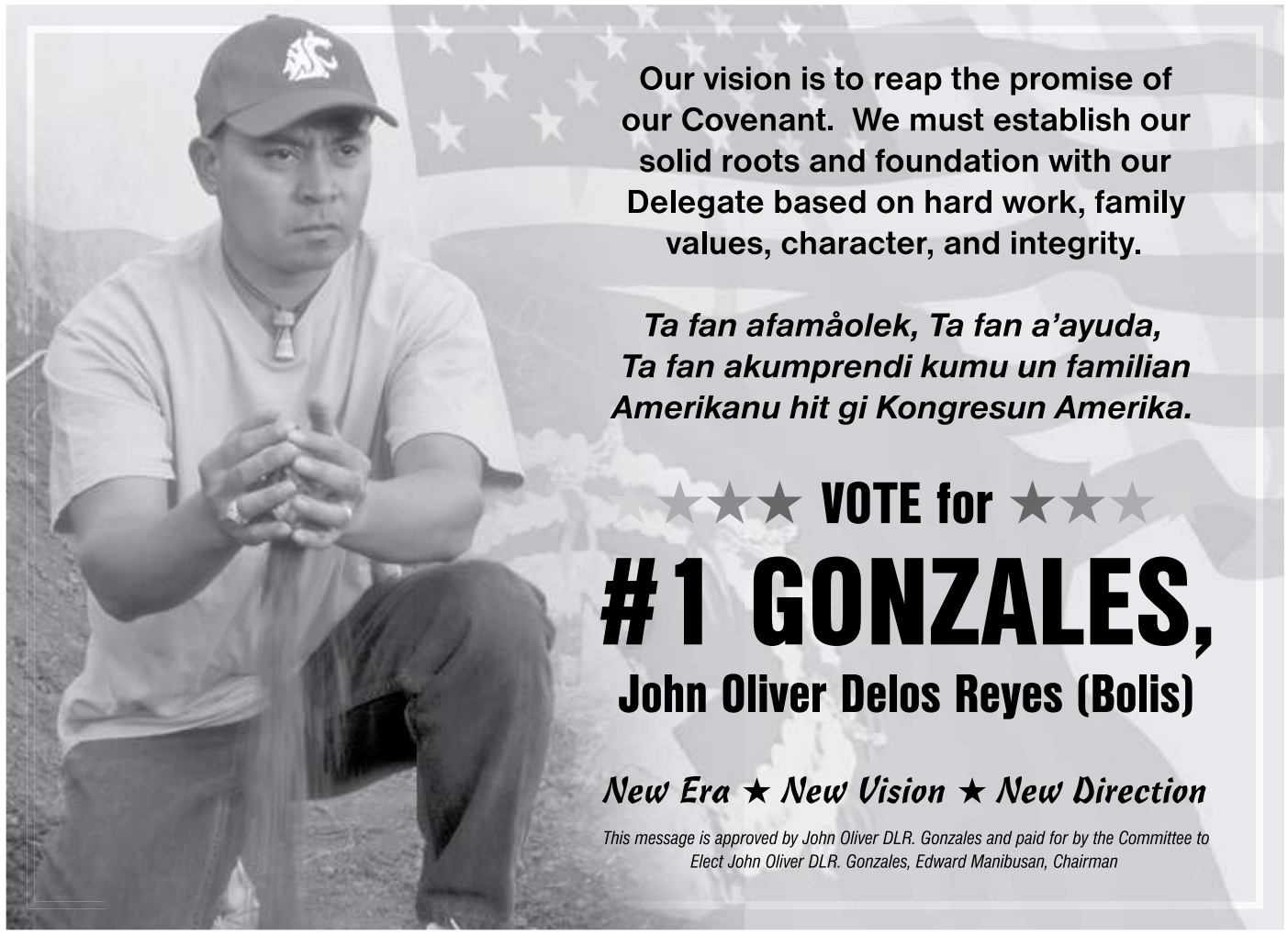
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3-DAY SUMMIT EDUCATING COMMUNITY ON DISABILITIES

'We have to work toward breaking down barriers'

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People with disabilities in the CNMI face unique cultural challenges, the director of California's Department of Rehabilitation said yesterday at the Commonwealth's Disability Employment Awareness Month summit.

Anthony Sauer, who was appointed to the position by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2007, said in the short time he has been on island he has learned that the cultural aspect of relying on family members can hold back some people with disabilities from gaining employment.

"It's a well meaning part of the culture," Sauer, the keynote speaker of the summit, said. "There's a place for a role of family. Letting go of someone with a disability is harder."

It's important that people learn to get out and become competitive in the workforce, he added.

The Americans with Disabilities Act does not mean an employer has to hire a disabled worker; it means they must hire the most qualified person, whether they are disabled or not, he added.

"Yeah, it means working harder and longer" for those who are disabled, he said.

Sauer, who was paralyzed from the waist down due to a motorcycle accident at age 18, said he hopes the three-day summit will help break down barriers in the CNMI.

"Employers have a lot of fears," he said. "That's no different than anywhere else. We have to work toward breaking down those barriers."

Sauer said he would like to hear that a year from now employers hired five more employees with disabilities.

"That five, or even one, breeds comfort of hiring those with disabilities," he added.

In our society unemployment can be embarrassing, Sauer said, adding that in social settings, people often ask others about their jobs.

"When you don't have an answer, it's hard because our society places value on that," he said.

The summit, held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan yesterday and Hyatt Regency Saipan today and tomorrow, is part of the National Disability Employment Awareness month. Today's topics include the Americans with Disabilities Act and independent living. Also, several directors and presidents of local agencies and businesses will discuss what the CNMI needs to do to equip people with special needs to be independent and employable.

Margarita R. Olopaio-Taitano, director of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, said the summit is important, especially with the Commonwealth's increase in the number of people seeking OVR's assistance. Last year there were 39 people seeking OVR's help; this year there is more than 100, she said. A large number of people who are visually impaired are seeking the organization's help.

"I encourage people with disabilities to be strong with high hopes," Olopaio-Taitano, said. "OVR stands ready to help them. Seek us."

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BOY

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lost control and fatally shot himself in the head.

Now gun safety experts—and some gun enthusiasts at the club where the shooting happened—are wondering why such a young child was allowed to fire a weapon used in war. Local, state and federal authorities are also investigating whether everyone involved had proper licenses or if anyone committed a criminal act.

"It's easy to lose control of a weapon like that ... they are used on a battleground for a very good reason," said Jerry Belair, a spokesman for Stop Handgun Violence, based in Newton, Mass. "It's to shoot as many times as you possibly can without having to reload at an enemy that's approaching. It's not a toy. It's not something to play with."

Police said Christopher Bizilj (Bah-SEAL) of Ashford, Conn., was pronounced dead at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass., on Sunday afternoon, shortly after firing a 9mm micro Uzi submachine gun at the Machine Gun Shoot and Firearms Expo at the Westfield Sportsman's Club, co-sponsored by C.O.P. Firearms & Training.

"The weapon was loaded and ready to fire," Westfield police Lt. Hipolito Nunez said. "The 8-year-old victim had the Uzi and as he was firing the weapon, the front end of the weapon went up with the backfire and he ended up receiving a round in his head."

Nunez said the investigation is continuing.

Christopher, a third-grader, was attending the show with his father and sixth-grade brother, Colin. Christopher had fired handguns and rifles before, but Sunday was his first time firing an automatic weapon, said his father, Charles Bizilj.

Bizilj told the Boston Globe he was about 10 feet behind his son and reaching for his camera when the weapon fired. He said his family avoided the larger weapons, but he let his son try the Uzi because it's a small weapon with little recoil.

"This accident was truly a mystery to me," said Bizilj, director of emergency medicine at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford, Conn. "This is a horrible event, a horrible travesty, and I really don't know why it happened."

Police are calling the shooting an accident but are investigating whether everyone connected with the incident had proper weapons permits. Massachusetts requires licenses to own firearms, and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives issues different licenses to possess machine guns.

The machine gun shoot drew hundreds of people from as far away as Maine and Virginia. An advertisement said it would include machine gun demonstrations and rentals and free handgun lessons.

"It's all legal & fun—No permits or licenses required!!!!" reads the ad, posted on the club's Web site.

"You will be accompanied to the firing line with a Certified Instructor to guide you. But You Are In Control—"FULL AUTO ROCK & ROLL," the ad said.

The ad also said children under 16 would be admitted free, and both adults and children were offered free .22-caliber pistol and rifle shooting.

Massachusetts has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. It is legal in Massachusetts for children to fire a weapon if they have permission from a parent or legal guardian and they are supervised by a properly certified and licensed instructor, Nunez said. The name of the instructor who was with the boy at the time was not released.

"We do not know at this time the full facts of this incident," Nunez said Monday.

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ceremony yesterday for the airport improvement project, which was mostly funded by the Federal Aviation Administration through five grants.

"As many Tinian residents know all too well, this project is critical and long overdue," Fitial said in his prepared remarks for the ceremony. "This is a substantial project for Tinian and the CNMI, and I thank CPA, the FAA, and the project designers, engineers, construction managers, and contractors for successfully completing this important project on schedule and without excessive change orders or delays."

The project involves the strengthening of the old runway to a new parallel taxiway, as well as the reconstruction of an existing taxiway, including grading and drainage work, and the construction of a new emergency generator building with a generator, fuel tank, and other associated work, including the installation of signs and pavement markings.

The improvements will help prepare the airport for international direct flights.

The original design was prepared by JCT Engineers, and was later repackaged by EFC Engineers & Architects. GPPC Inc. built the project for a contract amount of $8.9 million with one change order for the amount of $103,104.80, which involved additional work required by FAA inspections.

The project began in July 2007, and took 455 days to complete.

Fitial touted the completion of the taxiway project as "another successful example of the progress we are making" in terms of infrastructure development. He cited several other federally funded projects that were completed recently, including a Water Task Force project on Navy Hill and a related one in Koblerville.

"The CNMI is making steady progress on infrastructure projects involving federal funds, and we are proud of this progress. And we will continue," he said.

CPA is looking to carry out several other projects at the Tinian airport, including a high speed taxiway, fuel hydrant pit, a fuel farm facility, and completion of the new departure terminal.

EX-MARPAC

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company of over half a million dollars.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson also ordered Santos to immediately pay the Guam-based Marpac Ambros Inc. a total of $521,813.

Upon completing his prison term, Santos shall be placed on three years of supervised release.

The defendant was given credit for the time he has already served in jail.

During the supervised release period, Santos is prohibited from incurring new credit charges or open additional lines of credit without the approval of the U.S. Probation Office.

Munson also required Santos to perform 300 hours of community service and pay a $100 special assessment fee.

The judge acknowledged that the defendant is willing to forfeit the $10,000 bond toward his restitution and any other jewelry or items in his possession that can be sold to help satisfy the restitution to Marpac. Munson ordered that luxury items such as watches and others be delivered to U.S. Probation Officer Judy O'Campo in Guam for processing.

Munson granted Santos' request that he be allowed to surrender by himself at the U.S. Marshal's Office in Guam as soon as a Bureau of Prison's jail facility has been designated for him.

The judge, however, required that Santos check in with the U.S. Marshal's Office in Guam by telephone on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays between 9am to 11am.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Beverly McCallum had recommended 37 months in prison, three years of supervised release and restitution as punishment for Santos. Defense attorney Colin Thompson had pushed for the lowest end of the guidelines—33 months imprisonment.

In an interview with the media after the sentencing, McCallum said the government asked for the mid-point of the sentencing guidelines, which was 37 months but the court imposed the high end.

"I think the judge handed down an immensely fair sentence in this case and the government is well satisfied," McCallum said.

Thompson refused to comment to the media.

As a franchisee of Anheuser-Busch, Marpac sells beer products to retail vendors on Saipan.

The U.S. government alleged that between January 2003 and April 2006, Santos made a total of $521,813.40 in unexplained cash deposits into four separate bank accounts.

The prosecution said that, in that period Santos "devised a scheme and artifice to defraud Marpac and for obtaining money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises."

In September 2007, Santos pleaded guilty to an information charging him with mail fraud.

The sentencing was originally set for Dec. 11, 2007, but it was re-set several times after the parties filed stipulations.

One the reasons for the postponement of the sentencing was because Munson wants the U.S. Probation Office to locate the $500,000 that was previously in the bank accounts of the defendant.

The postponements were requested so the Federal Bureau of Investigation could research the defendant's bank records.

ANTIQUITIES

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Bordallo's letter comes after local leaders in the CNMI long opposed to the Bush administration's proposal to establish a monument in the waters at issue, including Gov. Benigno Fitial, softened their stance last week in meetings with White House Council on Environmental Quality chief James Connaughton.

Talks will likely continue on the plan if measures to restore the CNMI's control over near-shore ocean resources—which it lost in a recent federal court case—play a part in them, a government spokesman has said, but the governor and other key figures are for now declining to give it their support.

In her Oct. 24 letter to Connaughton, Bordallo says that President Bush's plan to establish the proposed monument under the Antiquities Act would exclude economic interests and local communities from decision-making when it comes to how the waters would be managed. The Sanctuaries Act, she says, would serve as a more open way to craft a conservation plan for the region.

"I view retention of local flexibility to manage our marine resources in a way that balances the protections needed for sustainable marine resources with a thriving economy as an important sovereignty issue," she writes. "The process in place under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, which involves formal public consultation of stakeholders, is a far better process that could be used to assess the merits of these proposals."

Bordallo adds that local fisheries should remain under the control of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which regulates fisheries, and regional fisheries management councils.

"In short, where local conservation efforts have proven successful, I believe we should employ existing administrative processes that provide a proper role for ongoing local involvement in the management of our precious marine resources," she writes. "I am extremely concerned that the process that is being employed now, in the last weeks of the Bush Administration, does not provide for adequate public input, let alone adequate congressional oversight."

President Bush is expected to issue a decision on the monument issue before he leaves office in January.

Interior searching for Benedetto's replacement

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The federal government has begun searching for a successor to former labor ombudsman James Benedetto, who resigned last month.

The U.S. Department of the Interior is advertising the position on the federal government's official jobs website, and will accept applications until next Friday, Nov. 7, 2008.

According to the job announcement, the DOI is looking for candidates who have "a strong background in managing an office and supervising others and extensive knowledge of labor, immigration, civil rights and or criminal law."

Appointments to the position will be for two years, with possible extensions of up to a total of four years. The salary range is from $68,625 t $105,420 a year, plus a cost of living adjustment of up to 25 percent.

The position has been vacant since Sept. 15, 2008, when Benedetto resigned to join the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Commonwealth.

The U.S. Congress created the Federal Ombudsman's Office in 1998 amid unfavorable news stories documenting labor and human rights abuses against alien workers in the CNMI.

In 1999, attorney Pamela Brown was appointed to become the first federal ombudsman. Benedetto succeeded her in October 2002, and in November 2007, the Interior Department extended his contract for another three years.

The office provides assistance to the Commonwealth's approximately 20,000 nonresident workers with labor and immigration complaints. Specifically, it screens worker complaints to determine whether there may be violations of the CNMI and federal labor laws.

'V-Power' fuel debuts in NMI

Shell stations in the CNMI this month have begun carrying a brand of fuel capable of removing the build up other gasolines leave behind in car engines, boosting vehicles' performance and fuel efficiency.

In an interview Tuesday, Shell fuels technology manager Eric Holthusen said Shell's new V-Power fuel contains five times the number of cleansing agents required under federal standards, a formula that can improve how vehicle engines respond and reduce emissions. Until this month, he added, Shell stations have never before sold V-power in the CNMI.

"So far, there was no fuel in this market that can clean off the deposits left by other fuels," said Holthusen, adding those deposits can severely impair an engine.

Designed by the same team behind the fuels used by racers for Ducati and Ferrari, V-power is already available in other markets.

According to Holthusen, gasoline often leaves deposits on a car's valves that can absorb fuel before it reaches the engine. Yet V-power's cleansing agents are able to remove that buildup, a change that "brings back the performance" the vehicle once had.

"The side-effect of this, of course, is that you reduce emissions and that if you don't use the extra performance you get, you still burn less fuel," said Holthusen.

Moreover, V-power and all of Shell products go through a rigorous evaluation by its "product stewardship" group to ensure that the additives are safe for the environment.

The price of Shell V-power gasoline at local service stations now stands at $4.20 per gallon for self-service. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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'Worker's termination justified for refusing to return to work'

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REPORTER

The Department of Labor has found the termination of an alien worker justified after he refused to return to work despite the company's several attempts to get him back to his job.

However, Labor administrative hearing officer Herbert D. Soll found the employer, TKL Enterprises Inc., liable to pay the worker, Rasalingam Kanagasabai, $189.34 for improper salary deductions plus an equal amount of liquidated damages or for a total of $378.68.

"These findings, coupled with the fact that the complainant prevailed in a portion of his claim against the respondent, justifies allowing him a period of time to find another employer," Soll said.

He allowed Kanagasabai to seek another employer within 30 days.

According to Labor records, Kanagasabai began working for American Joint Partners in 2001. He was renewed each year until 2007 when there were some changes in the company's management.

Apparently TKL Enterprises Inc. purchased the business of American Joint Partners, but in any event the same work that was performed by the employees for American Joint Partners was performed for TKL.

The complainant worked beyond the validity of his permit and he admits receiving his wages until March 2007 when he complains that wages were not paid.

He testified that he worked without receiving wages from March 8 to June 18. On that day, he claims that he insisted on receiving the unpaid wages for the previous three months and the stock manager told him not to work any longer after they argued about wages.

The complainant states that he considered the result of the spat with the stock manager to be a termination. He did not return to work after June 18, but he admits that several TKL employees visited him at his home.

The company's version of the transactions leading to the alleged termination is different from the account of Kanagasabai.

The respondent's two employees testified that the complainant was given $300 to purchase auto parts for use on a company vehicle that he was repairing. Kanagasabai was asked to supply receipts for the money and he failed to do so.

One employee testified that she withheld a net salary payment of $189.34 because of the unaccounted auto parts advance.

The company's employees admit that the withheld wage payment has not yet been paid.

In his administrative order issued on Monday, Soll accepted the testimony of the employees as factual and the balance of the claim of the complainant is rejected as being untrue.

PDI-HANA TIE-UP CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

In connection with Kinki Nippon Tourist Co., Ltd.'s and Hana Tour's partnership in the tourism industry in Japan, Pacific Development Inc. has initiated the first global relationship between the two local subsidiaries by sharing the DFS Galleria Tour Desk lounge in Garapan. Shown in the photo above are Hana Tour Saipan Sales Office president Hwang In-Taek, left, and PDI president Yoichi Matsumura exchanging pleasantries.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
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BANKPACIFIC, LTD., Plaintiff, vs. WILMER R. SABLAN aka WILMER RABAGO SABLAN and EMERITHA T. TORRES aka EMERITHA TAISACAN TORRES, Defendants.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0360 NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order of Sale issued by the Court in this matter on September 15, 2008, I will cause to be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, to satisfy a Judgment entered June 03, 2008, in favor of Plaintiff, Defendants' interest in and to the following real property situated in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as described below:

Lot No. 0 11 G 942 containing an area of 917 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 18, dated December 03, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-4286, dated December 09, 1993, the description herein being incorporated herein by reference.

1. **Date, Time, and Place of Sale.** The sale, open to the general public (including the Defendant), will be on November 14, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Guma Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.
2. **Inspection of Property.** Failure to inspect the property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by the bidder.
3. **Warranties and Covenants.** The property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of merchantability, and/or title for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyer shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account thereof.
4. **Conduct of Sale.**
   a. RESERVE. The sale may be held with reserve. Disclosure of the reserve price on the property offered will be at the sole discretion of the undersigned.
   b. BIDS. Bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed. The highest of such advance bids will be the opening bid for the property. Advance bids may be submitted in writing and delivered to Vincent J. Seman, Carlsmith Ball LLP, Carlsmith Building, P.O. Box 5241, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. The bidder assumes all risk of non-delivery, late delivery, or error in delivery of bids.
   c. DISPUTES. The undersigned may resubmit any property listed in this Notice of Sale if a dispute arises as to any bid thereon.
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   e. MEMORANDUM OF SALE. If requested by the undersigned, a successful bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale immediately after the sale of the property is struck at auction.
5. **Court Approval Required**. Every property sale is subject to approval by the Court. The Auctioneer and Plaintiff make no warranties or promises with respect to Court approval of the sale, including but not limited to the time in which such approval may be granted. No delay in the granting of Court approval shall be ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any successful bidder. The successful bidder will be promptly notified if and when court approval is granted. The sale is subject to the judgment debtor's rights of redemption pursuant to Commonwealth law.
6. **Rights and Duties of Auctioneer**. Consistent with the laws, customs, and usages of the CNMI governing auction sales, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties: (1) to withdraw the property listed in this Notice, and such withdrawal may occur before the sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale, without notice, at any time before the property is struck off; (3) to reject, on behalf of the Plaintiff, any and all bids for any reason, the exercise of either of which will be without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby.
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DATED, this 20th day of October, 2008.

/s/ VINCENT J. SEMAN

ERRATUM

This mug shot used to accompany the front-page blurb in yesterday's edition of the *Saipan Tribune* was incorrect. The picture was supposed to be of acting Attorney General Gregory Baka. Instead, what came out was the mug shot of Assistant Attorney General Alan Barak. Our apologies.

Barak

Thank You ★ Si Yu'us Ma'ase ★ Olomwaay

APPRECIATION RALLY

The Committee to Elect Senator Luis Palacios Crisostimo for the CNMI's Non-Voting Delegate to the U.S. Congress cordially requests your presence to our **APPRECIATION RALLY** on Friday at:

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SENSITIVITY TRAINING
Twenty members of the Saipan City Taxi Association pose for a souvenir picture after undergoing a two-hour training conducted by the Northern Marianas Protection Advocacy Systems, Inc. on Oct. 23, 2008. The training provided information about the Americans with Disabilities Act or ADA. The event also included sensitivity training and role-playing demonstrations when working with customers who have mental or physical disabilities, and who are seeking transportation from taxi drivers.

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Pacific librarians get funding to attend 2008 PIALA conference

Nineteen residents of the U.S.-affiliated Pacific have been selected to attend the 2008 Leaders for Pacific Libraries professional development in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia.

The LPL professional development, funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and directed by Pacific Resources for Education and Learning, will take place Nov. 20–22, 2008, on Yap, as part of the 2008 Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums Conference.

The intensive professional development for the LPL cohort will include a three-day postconference workshop on "The Art of Thinking Big: How to Go From an Idea to a Competitive Grant."

The training will be conducted by Elaina Norlin, manager of New Initiatives and Outreach, OCLC Eastern, and PREL research assistant Mathew Bellhouse-King. Stephanie Gerding, coauthor of *Grants for Libraries*, will provide virtual training materials for the workshop. All LPL awardees will attend the PIALA conference from Nov. 17 to 19, 2008.

By providing targeted professional development in specific areas of library management to this group, all of whom are preprofessional staff working in libraries, archives, and museums in their home jurisdictions, the LPL training seeks to improve library services across the region.

The 2008 LPL attendees include Perise Toilolo from American Samoa; Kieko Kanemoto from Chuuk; Patricia Aguon-Cruz and Erlinda Naputi from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Lourdes Nededog from Guam; Michael Williams from Kosrae; Mike Chipen, Jennifer Hainrick, Atarino Helieisar, Dosihner Jose, and Karleen Manuel from Pohnpei; Pearl Anien and Sistina Elbon from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI); Mary Arius, Sandy Fernandez, Sunshine Garcia, and Imengel Mad from the Republic of Palau; and Erica Ruwepin and Helen Salap from Yap. ***(PREL)***

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Flashback
A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

October 29, 1999

Stay away from cemetery—Teno
Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday ruled out deployment of police and public safety personnel to the Lower Base Cemetery, which he ordered off-limits to residents due to possible contamination from the cancer-causing polychlorinated biphenyls chemical found present in the area. Tenorio on Wednesday ordered the temporary closure of the area as he expressed concern on the presence of PCBs through toxic waste left way back in the '60s. "We put out the notice because we want to make sure that the life and health of our people are protected," the governor told reporters yesterday. The closure was prompted by the delay in the arrival of contractors of the U.S.

US Army engineers arrive
A Honolulu-based contractor hired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin installing plastic sheets and crushed stones today to cover the area contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), a cancer-causing chemical present at the Lower Base Cemetery. According to Frank Ono, civil engineer of the Army Corps, installation of the temporary cap is expected to be finished on Saturday. Ono is here to oversee the work done by the contractor who flew in from Hawaii. A day after Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio ordered the closure of the Lower Base cemetery, people still troop to the site to spruce up the graveyard of their relatives in time for All Soul's Day.

October 29, 2001

CUC kills 60MW power plant project
It took a long time to die but on Friday, the proposed 60-megawatt power plant project on Saipan gave a last gasp and expired. In a unanimous vote, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s Board of Directors voted to cancel the project in light of the worsening economic condition and the determination that CUC's power needs can be addressed in a much less expensive approach. The cancellation of the power plant project directly arose from the move of the board to accept the recommendations made by Burns & McDonnel, a power consulting firm, which was also the same company that initially recommended the power plant project in a 1999 study.

Insular areas appeal for inclusion in $100B economic stimulus plan
Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio and the governors of three other US insular areas on Friday appealed to the US Senate that their territories be included in the $100-billion economic stimulus plan that was passed by the House on Thursday. A joint letter from the CNMI, Guam, American Samoa, and the US Virgin Islands urged the Senate to address the insular areas' unique needs in the stimulus package. "Our islands have been especially hard hit by the downturn in the economy since the September 11 tragedy," part of the letter read. "We do not have the safety nets the [other] states have to cushion the effects of the economic crisis." The letter was addressed to Senate Majority Leader Thomas A. Daschle and Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott.

October 29, 2002

Anti-terror preparedness pressed
In the face of a global fright emanating from various acts of terrorism, House legislators believe that there has never been a better time to fix the CNMI's shortcomings when it comes to dealing with terrorism threats or, God forbid, the actual scenario. Fresh from attending a bio-terrorism preparedness conference in Palau, House Vice Speaker Manuel A. Tenorio and Rep. Ray Tebuteb underscored the need for the Northern Marianas to set up a comprehensive bio-terrorism preparedness mechanism that involves various local agencies. Bio-terrorism, Tenorio explained, is a form of terrorism involving the use of biological agents such as anthrax, smallpox, dengue fever, and influenza targeted at spreading fear and chaos in the community.

FAA takes over Saipan airport
The Federal Aviation Administration is expected to officially implement its rollout program at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport midnight of October 29, 2002, as federal screeners take charge of all checkpoint areas at the air transport facility. Security program at the Saipan airport is now 100 percent under the federal government, with newly hired screeners immediately dispatched at the airport's departure area. "The airport is now fully federalized and screeners handling the inspection are all federal government agents.

NAVFAC employee gets national GSA award

WASHINGTON—Eugene Diaz, a contracting officer for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas, was named the General Services Administration's winner of the prestigious 2008 Ida Ustad Award for Excellence in Acquisition in a ceremony held at the Washington Navy Yard on Oct. 27.

The annual $5,000 award, sponsored by the GSA, recognizes an individual government employee whose actions demonstrate or embody the concept of a contract specialist as business leader-advisor, and have a major impact on improving the acquisition process.

"This comes as a surprise but it is truly an honor to receive this recognition," said Diaz, who joined NAVFAC Marianas as an intern in 2002. "More so, it's an honor to have been surrounded by such a professional acquisition workforce in the different assignments that I supported—I extend this recognition to all of them."

Diaz is an acquisition professional working for NAVFAC Marianas in Guam. While forward-deployed to the Philippines, he served as the Administrative Contracting Officer providing oversight of the Operations Support Contract for Joint Special Operations Task Force – Philippines. This major contract, an annual value of approximately $30 million, encompasses 15 functional areas, ranging from air operations, morale, welfare, and recreation, facilities management, utilities, and galley services.

Bob Griffin, NAVFAC Assistant Commander for Acquisition, praised Diaz for his commitment to NAVFAC and his dedication to the principles embodied in the award. "His oversight and attention to detail are directly responsible for this award. He truly embodies excellence in acquisition for NAVFAC."

As the ACO, Diaz was the on-site agent for NAVFAC and served as an advisor to the JSOTF-P, ensuring the contractor understood the command's multi-service requirements.

Diaz was the liaison between the different military services in Hawaii and the Philippines involved in the contract. He was the driving force in facilitating communications between all stakeholders and in resolving any contract interpretation issues, and was the main influence in promoting the best practices of NAVFAC operations support contracting to this remote and challenging location.

Diaz joined NAVFAC Marianas after graduating from the University of Guam with a degree in accounting. He was selected as the NAVFAC Marianas Employee of the Year in 2005, and in 2007 was assigned to temporary duty with the Marine Corps at Quantico, Va., to support the high profile Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Systems program.

NAVFAC manages the planning, design, construction, contingency engineering, real estate, environmental, and public works support for U. S. Navy shore facilities around the world. Its annual volume of business amounts to $11 billion. ***(NAVFAC)***

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Eugene Diaz, a contracting officer for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas, is presented with a $5,000 check as his award after being named the General Services Administration's winner of the prestigious 2008 Ida Ustad Award for Excellence in Acquisition in a ceremony held at the Washington Navy Yard on Oct. 27.

The House of Representatives

SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
P.O. BOX 500586, SAIPAN, MP 96950

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: October 23, 2008

Contact: Representative Joseph C. Reyes
Telephone: (670) 664-8836
Facsimile: (670) 664-8838

This is a final reminder to all CUC customers who have experienced damage to one or more household appliances due to power fluctuations and power outages. Please notify the office of Congressman Joseph C. Reyes in writing (P.O. Box 500586, Saipan), by phone (664-8836) or by fax (664-8838) of the date, time, type of appliance(s), and estimated dollar value of the loss. Deadline for submission is November 15, 2008.

Thank you.

/s/ Rep. Joseph C. Reyes
Chairman

The House of Representatives

SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
P.O. BOX 500586, SAIPAN, MP 96950

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Date: October 16, 2008

Contact: Representative Joseph C. Reyes
Telephone: (670) 664-8836
Facsimile: (670) 664-8838

The House Standing Committee on Commerce and Tourism would like to solicit comments from the general public on House Bill 16-153 "To require health insurance coverage of the diagnosis and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders in individuals under 21 years of age, and for other purposes".

Copies of the legislation maybe obtained from the following places:

l. Request to the Office of Representative Joseph C. Reyes
2. It may be viewed at www.camachocnmi.com under Legislative Bills, H.B. 16-153.
3. Request for digital copy via email to rep.jcreyes@gmail.com

Members of the general public are encouraged to submit written testimony on or before November 15, 2008. To submit written testimony, please drop-off or fax to the Office of Representative Joseph C. Reyes (664-8838) or may be mailed to P.O. Box 500586 Saipan, MP 96950.You can also submit your digital copies to rep.jcreyes@gmail.com.

For additional information, you may contact the Office of Representative Joseph C. Reyes.

/s/ Rep. Joseph C. Reyes
Chairman

MHS students join largest writing event in the world

Students at Marianas High School have joined in the largest writing event in the world. They have set their goal of writing a complete novel in the month of November.

At midnight on Nov. 1, more than 25,000 kids and teens in over 400 classrooms worldwide will be poised over laptops and pads of paper, fingers itching and minds racing with plots and characters. They will begin their furious adventure in fiction. By 11:59 pm on Nov. 30, thousands of them will be novelists.

These students have jointed the National Novel Writing Month's Young Writers Program, a nonprofit literary crusade that encourages aspiring your writers all over the world to write a novel in a month.

In 2007, over 100,000 adults, and 15,000 kids and teens took part in the free challenge.

NaNoWriMo Young Writers Program was created in 2004 and gives teachers, students, and 12-and-under authors a safe and kid-oriented place to spend an exhilarating month bashing out their books. For more information about National Novel Writing Month's Young Writer's Program, visit www.vmp.NaNoWriMo.org. ***(PR)***

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Getting the lead out

President Bush has taken his fair share of lumps from us and others concerned about his seemingly all-talk-and-no-action approach to the deterioration of the environment. That's why, when his administration does something of benefit—in this case, cutting the limit on airborne lead by 90 percent—he should be given his due.

The Environmental Protection Agency's action this month marked the first time in 30 years that the regulation had been strengthened, from 1.5 micrograms of lead per cubic meter of air to 0.15 micrograms per cubic meter. The Oct. 16 announcement by EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson was not unforeseen. The agency was under court order to do something as part of a settlement of a lawsuit brought by the Missouri Coalition for the Environment. What wasn't known was whether Mr. Johnson would follow the advice of agency staff experts and the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee. They recommended the drastically low lead limit he ultimately adopted.

Children get exposed to lead after it falls to the ground and mixes with indoor dust and soil. Scientific studies—more than 6,000, says the EPA—have shown that exposure to lead was damaging the health of children at levels lower than the old federal limit. Those reports have shown a link between lead exposure and IQ loss and other developmental damage in children.

Lead has been outlawed from use in gasoline and paint since the 1970s. This led to a 97 percent reduction in the average amount of lead in the air between 1980 and 2005. But lead is still getting into the atmosphere from 16,000 sources (smelters, metal mines, waste incinerators and aviation fuel), which pump out 1,300 tons of it each year. The new regulation would be enforced by establishing a monitoring system in cities of more than 500,000 people and by requiring states to set up ambient air monitors near sources that release more than one ton of lead annually.

The one hitch in the EPA's plan is that there are fewer than 200 air lead monitors nationwide. Mr. Johnson plans to bump that number to more than 300. The agency certainly has time to get the equipment needed. The regulation doesn't take effect until 2017.

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A drama called life

The only way to take control of your life, raise your standard of living and move beyond merely surviving is to create your own unique product or service that you offer to increasing numbers of people in exchange for the things of value that you desire. This simple formula applies to countries as well as people. A self-sufficient economy has its own products or services of value to export to the world. Similarly, a self-sufficient individual has something of value to exchange in the global marketplace. That thing of value is based on your natural talent, skill, or interest—in other words, your passion!

THE SAIPANPRENEUR PROJECT

Creating economic success for the CNMI

By WALT F.J. GOODRIDGE
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Send article suggestions, entrepreneur nominations and feedback about this article to walt@passionprofit.com.

Over the weekend, I had the exciting experience of observing a casting call and auditions for a movie to be filmed in Guam. Would-be actors showed up by the dozens to read and vie for their hoped-for parts.

The next day, I attended a director's workshop hosted at the University of Guam where the film's director, Alex Munoz, shared a few insights into the art of directing a movie, as well as some interesting things about how to construct a good story. The most interesting part of the lesson in filmmaking was a simple line about what makes a scene and a movie effectively "work." But more on that later.

So based on my first introduction to the world of feature filmmaking, I'll share with you some of the elements of a good movie/screenplay. As you read each element, I'd encourage you to see how these elements apply to any "drama" going on around you. You can choose the story of your life, the contenders in the developing presidential race, or you can choose the CUC (Commonwealth Utilities Corp.) situation, the Mariana Monument debate, or even the CNMI itself as the character in this drama called life.

A Story Always Begins With A What If? Question

A good story starts with a "what if?" What if this happened? What if that happened? Frame your story as a single sentence telling who the hero of the story is and what he/she wants to accomplish. Who is trying to stop him/her? What happens if he/she fails?

For example*: What if a group of tree hugging environmentalists suggested the creation of a marine protected area in an effort to put their island on the world map, but were opposed by others who saw it as a threat to their interests? What if a contract worker traveled thousands of miles in search of a better life, but finds the conditions in the new land worse than what she left back home? What if everything you believed about life was a lie?*

Identify your characters

The next step in telling a good story is to identify your characters.

eg. "Judy Hall is seeking a life of simplicity and love. She believes that there is someone special out there seeking the same thing in her. She is determined to find it. She starts out hopeless, fearful and desperate, but by the end of the story is empowered, courageous and fulfilled."

Based on the above, we have the four elements of a good character:

1) NEED: What does he/she want, is going to get or going to achieve?

2) POINT OF VIEW: How does this character view the world?

3) ATTITUDE: What is the character's attitude and opinion?

4) CHANGE: What is the change? Characters must change, i.e., the "arc."

The Arc

Every character has an "arc." An arc is the change the character goes through during the story. For example, a character may start out as timid, but by the end of the story becomes courageous. A character may start out arrogant, but by the end of the story becomes humble. In order for a character to hold our interest, there must be a transformation of some sort.

Wants

A good story is moved along by knowing what each character wants. Every character wants something. According to one screenplay writing website: "There is always something at stake in a good movie. Not just something someone wants, something that must be acquired, no matter what the risk, as in *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Or something highly desired by as many main characters as possible, like the small black statue in *The Maltese Falcon*. Some times it can be an intangible thing, like the freedom

See A DRAMA on Next Page

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Letters to the Editor

No to the proposed national marine monument

Editor's Note: The following letter is being printed in two parts due to its length.

Last of a two-part series

The recent decision by the federal courts stripping the CNMI of ownership of its submerged lands is flawed and downright wrong. It further ignored critical provisions of the fiduciary responsibility of the federal government functioning as our trustee prior to the enactment of the Covenant. We own the land and the federal government, acting as our trustee, should not benefit from the trust without the consent of the beneficiary, the indigenous population. But this is exactly what happened.

Why the federal courts got away with such terrible decision, however, is not surprising as the courts have been pretty consistent in their interpretation favoring the federal government over states when ownership of surrounding submerged lands comes to question. Almost all coastal states, except Texas, have lost in the courts on this matter but subsequently retained ownership of 3 miles through acts of Congress. Texas was an independent country prior to joining the Union and their Constitution gave them ownership of their submerged lands up to 9 miles from their shorelines. Texas retained the 9-mile ownership when they joined the Union while the rest of the coastal states were statutorily granted 3 miles. International law recognizes 12 miles as the territorial seas of the bordering state or country. The U.S., however, does not recognize this.

Further, most of the legal arguments used in support of the recent federal court decision stripping the CNMI ownership of its submerged lands were based on cases where the states had political representation in the U.S. Congress. The assumption is that whatever wealth the federal government realized from the various coastal states' offshore or submerged lands can be equally shared with other non-coastal or insular states through their representation at the U.S. Congress. It is important to note, that these arguments do not hold water if you realize that the CNMI has had no voice or representation whatsoever in the U.S. Congress.

In short, the CNMI should continue to pursue the path of retaining its rightful claims to our submerged lands but through an Act of Congress. Remember, we are about to elect our non-voting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives for the first time in our political history. *Our delegate should consider this matter of utmost importance and prioritize the introduction of appropriate legislation that will grant and clarify CNMI ownership of our submerged lands.*

Proponents of the monument and the federal government must be respectful of this historic event and allow our first delegate to work with Congress in addressing this matter. If it were to occur, then Congress should be the appropriate body to designate the area as a National Marine Monument. In this spirit, our newly elected delegate can participate in the process and, if the monument is the best use of the area so be it, but at least we should seek local participation in the discussion and obtain appropriate federal funding for the monument.

Thus, by designating 115,000 square miles of our limited submerged land resources as part of the National Marine Monument before our delegate even assumes office is an affront to our people and a flagrant circumvention of the democratic process. Federalization is not always the preferred way to managing our resources. State and local governments are historically more creative, responsive, and effective in managing their natural resources.

It is my opinion, however, that although we wish to retain up to 200 miles as our territorial seas and as our exclusive economic zone, we can still find a middle ground by seeking to retain at least 12 miles as our territorial seas, which is consistent with international law. From 12 miles outward to 200 miles of our EEZ, we can and should consider a joint or shared ownership with the federal government.

In this spirit, I want to leave this discussion with some hope and optimism for a better CNMI-federal relation. If the President of the United States is truly serious about listening to our needs and concerns, then perhaps a compromise can be reached that will be more palatable to us. This compromise will require the issuance of a presidential proclamation or other executive orders granting the CNMI exclusive control and ownership of its submerged lands out to 12 miles as the CNMI's territorial seas before he leaves office. From 12 miles out to the 200-mile EEZ of the proposed monument area can then be designated as the National Marine Monument. We will then jointly go before Congress for appropriations to enable us to construct a true marine monument. This may be a more workable and realistic compromise.

In closing, I want to note that the CNMI has always been in the forefront in conservation. The fact that we designated four of our 14 islands as constitutionally protected areas is a testament to this commitment. It is important for people to recognize that land for us is very sacred as evidenced by Article 12 of our Constitution. Land is land, whether the land is surface or submerged. Further, we can always work with the U.S. Congress in designating the area as a monument in the future. To encourage the expeditious and permanent granting of our limited resources to the federal government because our current President is leaving office soon, as is being proposed, is shortsighted and irresponsible.

Monument proponents must be very careful when advocating loss of local control regardless of the areas of concern. The Covenant already relinquished all "state" and "defense" matters to the federal government. We all know that the U.S. military is relocating its bases, personnel, and other assets from Southeast Asian countries to Guam and our Marianas region. The Marianas is now at the forefront in the U.S. global war on terror and in its worldwide military strategic planning. It is, therefore, critical that the federal government recognizes that although we are caring, loving, patriotic and supportive of our federal government, particularly the military services, the Chamorros and Carolinians who called these islands *home* cry out for justice, respect, and fairness in the way federal programs get implemented.

Federal agencies must be respectful, fair, considerate, and just in the deliberation and/or development of new and emerging relationship whether it be the proposal for the marine monument, the application of the federal immigration and labor system, or any other matters affecting the treasured relationship between the CNMI and the United States of America. I hope to see a more friendly and mutually respectful and supportive relationship in the years to come.

Thank you for allowing me to share my perspective on the proposed National Marine Monument and to explain why I do not support the movement to include the CNMI in the rush to glamorize President Bush's "Blue Legacy" project.

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of a people in *Lawrence of Arabia* or *Gandhi*. All these things drive the character's quest, even gives the hero superhuman strength. It can be something personal (romance) or for the good of all (saving the world from aliens) but it must be powerful and grow more desperate as the story unfolds."

That something can be freedom, love, sovereignty, money, revenge, you name it. Here are seven of the most common driving wants in filmmaking:

1) *Survival*: Many good films are about survival—human instinct—do-or-die situations. if you're into Hollywood scripts and stories, think about the top-grossing films of all time. 99 out 100 are stories with characters in do-or-die situations.

2) *Safety and security*: Need to find a secure/protected setting once again.

3) *Love and belonging*: Someone longing for connection/ wanting to feel loved.

4) *Esteem and self-respect*: Wanting to be looked up to, and be recognized for their skills.

5) *The need to know and understand*: Curiosity, and understanding how things happen and what they have to go through to get answers.

6) *The aesthetic:* Trying to be connected with something greater than themselves—a higher power.

7) *Self-actualization*: The characters need to express themselves—to communicate who they are. The audience roots for someone to succeed. a lot of comedies have this plot.

Conflict

There are always obstacles which provide that catchword that actors love so much—*conflict*. This is the heart of drama. Someone wants something and people and things keep getting in the way of them achieving the goal. At times, the obstacles can be common to both the hero and villain, and the ultimate goal a laudable one for both parties, as in *Jingle All The Way*. In that film, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sinbad battle to achieve the same goal—the acquisition of the last popular action figure for sale that Christmas season. Both of them have promised their son, and they must not fail. Conflict and obstacles can be physical or emotional. But they have to be in your story or you don't really have a story. In most good stories, the protagonist will also have an inner obstacle, some mental or even spiritual problem, that will be resolved by the time s/he reaches the outward, physical goal of the story.

Hopes and Fears

Here's the line I alluded to earlier that I found interesting: *What makes a scene compelling for the viewer/observer—what makes a good story—is the Hope and Fear dynamic.* As you are drawn into the developing arc of the character and his or her wants and needs, you—the viewer—have a hope and a fear in regard to the outcome of each scene and the outcome of the overall story.

For example, as you watch the story unfold, you hope that agent 007 finds the killer, but you fear he will not. Without this hope versus fear dynamic, a story does not hold your interest.

A Screenplay called Saipan

There are many such compelling stories being played out here in the CNMI: We hope that Saipan recovers economically, but we fear that it won't. We hope that contract workers get improved rights, but we fear they will not. We hope that the Marine Monument gets established, but we fear that it won't. (Now, of course, the particular hope and fear you have all depends on which side of the debate you're on, but you get my point.)

Don't forget the Four Parts Of Any Screenplay

1. THE STORY CONCEPT: A single sentence telling who the hero of the story is and what he/she wants to accomplish
2. THE CHARACTERS: The people who populate the story
3. PLOT STRUCTURE: The events of the story and the relationship of the characters; determines what happens in the story and when it happens
4. THE INDIVIDUAL SCENES: The way the words are laid out on the page—the format, and how one writes action, description and dialogue to increase emotional involvement.

Final Tips

1. The level and type of emotion always goes through peaks and valleys rapidly in a great story. It's the catalyst for the pace of the story.

2. The law of conflict—nothing moves forward in a story except through conflict.

3. You need to lead the audience into an expectation, make them think they understand, then crack and open a surprise. Surprise and curiosity always bring the audience into the story.

So now, what can you do with this information? The potential applications are limitless! If you are a political candidate, you can use the power of a compelling story to pull people in so that they believe they have a vested interest in your victory. If you are a newspaper reporter, you can create characters and conflict where none exist in order to sell papers. If you are a marketing consultant, you can spin events in order to sell a point of view or public perception about your brand. If you are a novelist or professional storyteller, you can make your creations and characters more intriguing. Perhaps, if you are a professional gossip, when you spread stories about your neighbors, you can format it in a way that establishes your reputation as the best source of "dirt" in town.

Or, at the very least, you can see the world through a set of objective eyes and not fall victim to the manipulation that exists in the various and sundry stories that are always being told in this drama called life.

***Note**: NEXT WEEK: a WINNING SAIPANPRENEUR PROFILE!*

***Note**: For more tips on overcoming your fears, acting on your ideas, changing the game, and creating a passion-centered lifestyle, visit www.passionprofit.com!*

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Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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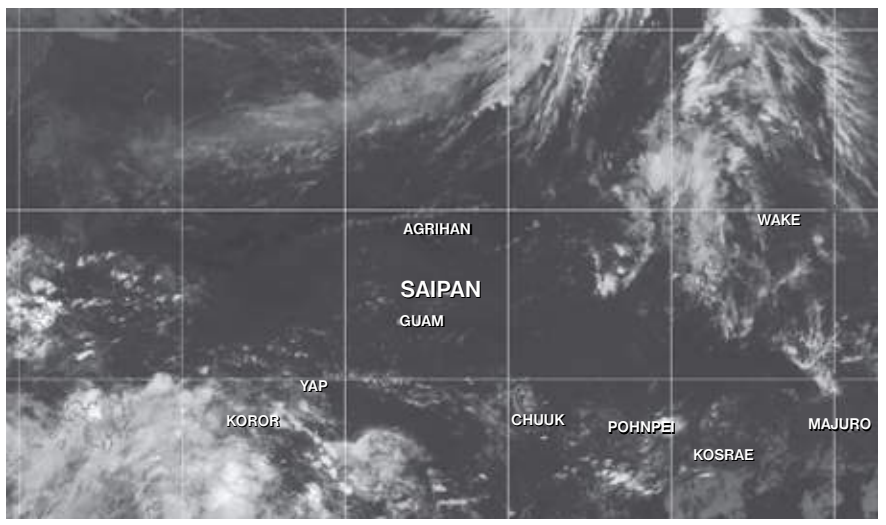
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Sunny	▲86	▼76
Palau	Rain	▲86	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87	▼73
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼79
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	▲85	▼76

Around The Globe

Auckland	Cloudy	▲60	▼51
Beijing	Sunny	▲72	▼50
Hong Kong	Cloudy	▲86	▼77
Honolulu	Showers	▲80	▼74
London	Cloudy	▲46	▼36
Los Angeles	Cloudy	▲90	▼58
Manila	Showers	▲86	▼76
Melbourne	Sunny	▲77	▼63
Miami	Partly Sunny	▲73	▼61
New York	Showers	▲48	▼38
Osaka	Cloudy	▲62	▼47
Paris	Partly Sunny	▲48	▼36
Pusan	Cloudy	▲63	▼45
Rome	Rain	▲73	▼58
Salem	Sunny	▲64	▼43
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲71	▼53
Seoul	Sunny	▲51	▼36
Tokyo	Showers	▲62	▼49
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲53	▼39

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:30PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front enters the discussion area at 25N138E and stretches southwestward to 24N135E then turns into a shearline to beyond 130E at 23N. Extensive cloudiness and widespread rain are seen north of this feature over Minami Chigashi and Iwo to islands or north of a line from 22N130E to 25N144E. An upper-level low is centered southeast of Minamitori Shima near 22N157E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with this low are found between Minamitori Shima and Wake Island within 230 miles of a line from 14N159E to 25N163E. A monsoon trough extends eastward from a circulation over the southern Philippines to near Koror at 7N133E then turns southward to end at EQ137E. Converging west winds south of the trough axis are aided by upper-level divergence to produce numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms southwest and west of Koror or southwest of a line from 9N130E to 2N137E. Low-level convergence east of the axis is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Koror within 130 miles of a line from 9N132E to 6N136E and southeast of Yap between the equator and 5N from 140E to 146E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers over Kosrae and eastward across Butaritari atoll to the dateline or south of a line from 8N160E to 6N172E to 8N180 and north of Kwajalein and Majuro between 8N and 11N from 165E to 180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
1:10AM Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
7:35AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
1:16PM Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
6:38PM Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:12AM	5:49 PM
Thursday	6:12AM	5:49 PM
Friday	6:13AM	5:48 PM
Saturday	6:13AM	5:48 PM
Sunday	6:13AM	5:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:08AM	5:47PM
Thursday	7:00AM	6:30PM
Friday	7:53AM	7:16PM
Saturday	8:46AM	8:05PM
Sunday	9:37AM	8:56PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2008

DEPARTURES

Saipan-Rota

CO9597	11:50am	12:25pm	1,7

Saipan-Guam

CO9317	4:00am	4:50am	Daily
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
CO9597	11:50am	1:20pm	1,7 via Rota
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	Daily
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

Saipan-Narita

NW 099	5:00am	7:30am	Daily
NW 078	8:55am	2:00pm	Daily
NW 075	4:55pm	7:25pm	Daily

Saipan-Osaka

NW 083	4:20pm	6:55pm	Daily

Saipan-Nagoya

NW 078	8:55am	11:35am	Daily

Saipan-Seoul

OZ 604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ 604	2:50am	6:30am	2,3,4,5,6,7
OZ 606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2,4,6,7

Saipan-Busan

OZ 608	3:50am	7:20am	1,5

Saipan-Shanghai

FM 844	3:15am	5:55am	2,6

Rota-Guam

CO 9597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1,7

Guam-Manila

CO 893	5:50pm	9:10pm	3,5 via Koror
CO 933	7:00pm	8:40pm	Daily
PR 111	6:00am	7:45am	1,2,4,6,7

ARRIVALS

Rota-Saipan

CO 9598	3:25am	4:00am	5,6

Guam-Saipan

CO 9316	2:30am	3:20am	Daily
CO9598	2:30am	4:00am	5,6 via Rota
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9600	10:20am	11:10am	Daily
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	Daily
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

Narita-Saipan

NW 076	10:15am	2:50pm	Daily
NW 077	6:25pm	1:30am+1	Daily
NW 100	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Daily

Osaka-Saipan

NW 084	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

Nagoya-Saipan

NW 077	9:00pm	1:30am+1	Daily

Seoul-Saipan

OZ 605	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ 603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ 603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1,2,3,4,5,6

Busan-Saipan

OZ 607	9:30pm	2:50am+1	4,7

Shanghai-Saipan

FM 843	7:50pm	2:15am+1	1,5

Guam-Rota

CO 9598	2:30am	3:00am	5,6

Manila-Guam

CO 892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	3,5 via Koror
CO 934	10:55pm	4:30am+1	Daily
PR 110	10:20pm	4:00am+1	1,3,5,6,7

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Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

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FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

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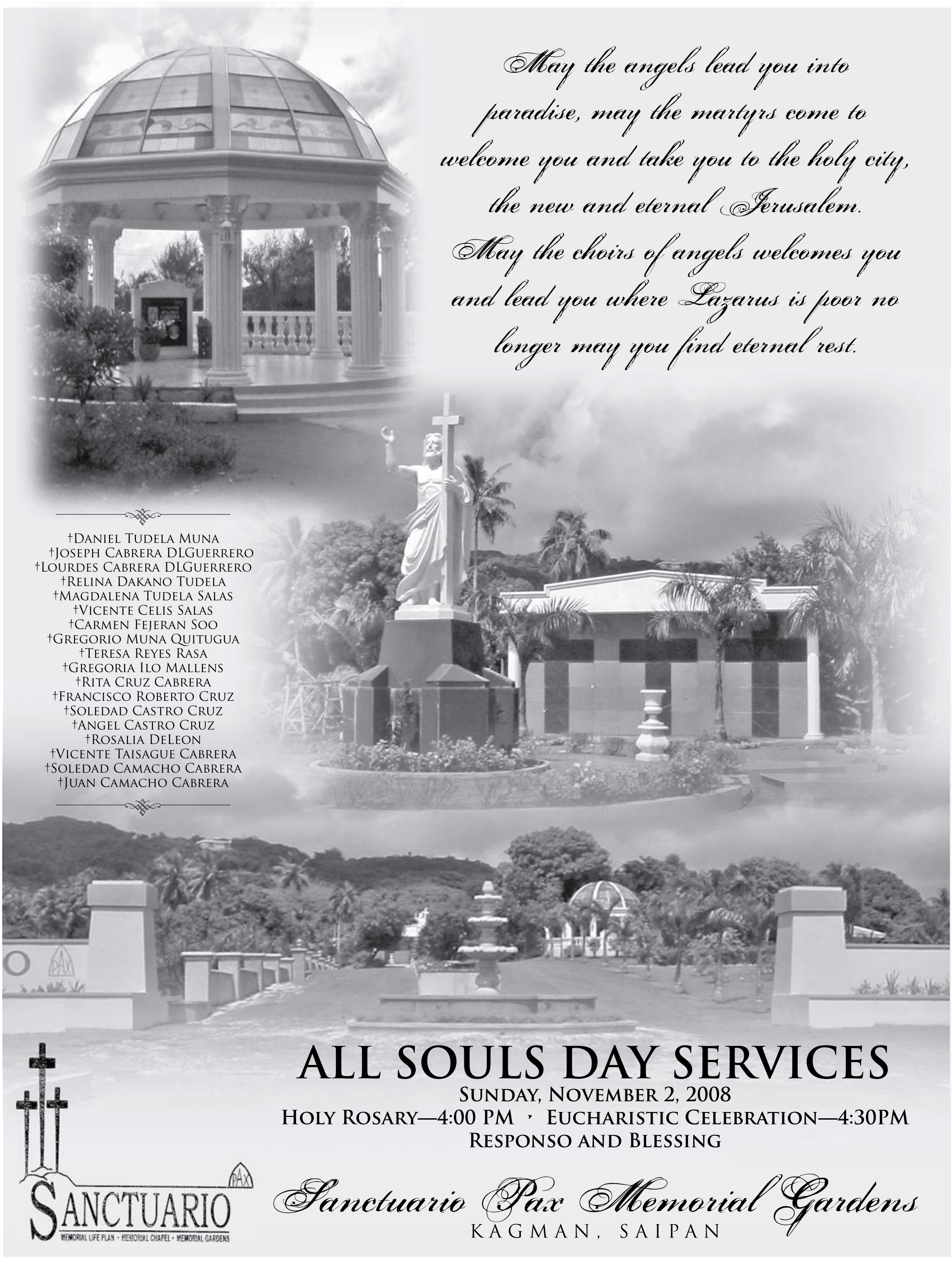
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Business

Treasury clears way for bailout to begin

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government has cleared the way to ship out $125 billion this week to the country's largest banks, beginning the biggest government bailout in history.

"The money will go out the door for those institutions early this week," predicts Assistant Treasury Secretary David Nason, one of the chief architects of the rescue plan.

Not only is the money ready to be sent to nine major financial institutions, including Bank of America, Citigroup Inc. and JPMorgan Chase, but the government is reaching preliminary agreements with a group of more than a dozen major regional banks, who will share a part of an additional $125 billion the government hopes to pump into the banking system.

Before the end of the year, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson intends to have spent $250 billion of the $700 billion bailout package buying ownership stakes in U.S. banks. The goal is to improve their balance sheets so that they will resume more normal lending practices and prevent the country from sliding into a deep recession.

Another $100 billion is earmarked to be spent buying troubled assets from banks such as bad mortgage loans as another way to spur banks to resume lending.

However, a long line of other industries are hoping the government will decide to help them as well. Insurance companies, automakers, hedge funds and foreign-owned banks are all making appeals to be included in the rescue package, contending that they need assistance as well.

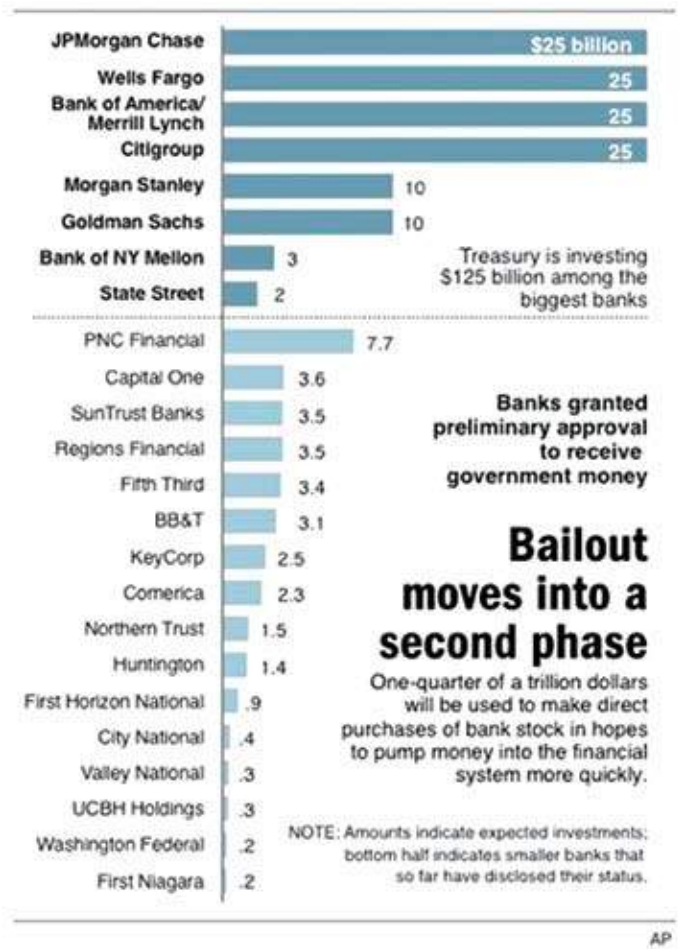
Treasury and White House officials signaled on Monday that their cases are being reviewed. That review is coming in the closing days of a heated election campaign when the country will be electing a new president and a new Congress for next year.

The beleaguered auto industry is making its appeals to both presidential candidates and lawmakers running for re-election and their are indications those pleas are being heard.

Presidential press secretary Dana Perino told reporters Monday that officials at the "highest levels" of the Treasury, Energy and Commerce departments have listened to automakers make their cases. She said the administration is "working as quickly as we possibly can" to finalize the rules needed for automakers to start tapping a $25 billion loan fund that Congress approved last month.

The fund is designed to help automakers develop new energy-efficient technology but is seen as a way to help keep the companies afloat during hard times. The expectation is that an initial $5 billion could be freed up soon.

Perino said Treasury was also trying to determine whether the financing arms of the automakers might be eligible for federal help under the bank stock-purchasing program of the rescue package.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Treasury is investing $125 billion among the biggest banks
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One-quarter of a trillion dollars will be used to make direct purchases of bank stock in hopes to pump money into the financial system more quickly.
NOTE: Amounts indicate expected investments; bottom half indicates smaller banks that so far have disclosed their status.

AP

Fed weighs another rate reduction to limit fallout

WASHINGTON (AP)—Disappearing jobs, burrowing consumers and skittish companies are reasons for the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates and brace the tottering economy.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues open a two-day meeting Tuesday afternoon—their last before the November elections—to make a fresh assessment of economic and financial conditions and decide their next move on rates. Their decision will be announced Wednesday.

It is all but certain the Fed will cut rates—for the second time in this month alone. The big question: Just how low will the Fed go?

Investors on Wall Street and some economists are betting the Fed will slash its key rate by half percentage point to 1 percent. Some analysts, however, think the Fed will opt for a smaller, quarter-point reduction to 1.25 percent.

"I'm torn," Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group, said about the size of the cut. "Clearly, the economic outlook has weakened," he said.

Whatever the size of the rate cut, commercial banks' prime lending rate for millions of consumer loans would drop by a corresponding amount. The prime rate is now at 4.5 percent and is used to peg home equity loans, certain credit cards and other floating rate loans.

Under either scenario—a half percentage point or a quarter point cut—both the Fed's key rate and the prime rate would fall to their lowest in more than four years.

Nikkei rebounds 6.4 percent after massive losses

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's benchmark stock index has closed 6.41 percent higher after hitting a 26-year-low. The bench Nikkei 225 index soared 459.02 points to 7,621.92, recovering from massive losses on Monday when the index plunged 6.36 percent to its 26-year-low on growing pessimism over corporate earnings and a global recession.

Earlier, the Nikkei index slipped below the 7,000-level, but investors stepped in to buy exporters like Toyota and Sony on bargain-hunting.

An easing in the yen also encouraged sentiment. The dollar rose to 95.51 yen from 93.01 yen in late New York trading.

A strong dollar erodes exporters' overseas earnings when repatriated.

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Nation

Stevens guilty on 7 counts, won't quit Senate race

WASHINGTON (AP)—Ted Stevens, a pillar of the Senate for 40 years and the face of Alaska politics almost since statehood, was convicted of a seven-felony string of corruption charges Monday—found guilty of accepting a bonanza of home renovations and fancy trimmings from an oil executive and then lying about it.

Unbowed, even defiant, Stevens accused prosecutors of blatant misconduct and said, "I will fight this unjust verdict with every ounce of energy I have."

The senator, 84 and already facing a challenging re-election contest next Tuesday, said he would stay in the race against Democrat Mark Begich. Though the convictions are a significant blow for the Senate's longest-serving Republican, they do not disqualify him, and Stevens is still hugely popular in his home state.

The jury—itself a daily drama, trying to expel one of its own members—convicted Stevens of all the felony charges he faced, accusations based heavily on the testimony of a wealthy oil contractor who for years had been a fishing and drinking buddy.

Visibly shaken after the verdicts were read—the jury foreman declaring "guilty" seven times—Stevens tried to intertwine his fingers but quickly put his hands down to his side after noticing they were trembling. As he left the courtroom, he got a quick kiss on the cheek from his wife, Catherine, who testified on his behalf during the trial.

Stevens faces up to five years in prison on each count when he is sentenced, but under federal guidelines he is likely to receive much less time, if any. The judge did not immediately set a sentencing date.

The monthlong trial revealed that employees for VECO Corp., an oil services company, transformed Stevens' modest Alaska mountain cabin into a modern, two-story home with wraparound porches, a sauna and a wine cellar.

Stevens said he had no idea he was getting freebies. He said his wife handled the business of the renovation. He said he paid $160,000 for the project and believed that covered everything.

As his attorneys had during the trial, Stevens said in a statement issued afterward that prosecutors had improperly held back favorable evidence, had sent a crucial witness back to Alaska and "allowed evidence to be introduced that they knew was false."

"I am innocent," he declared. "I ask that Alaskans and my Senate colleagues stand with me as I pursue my rights." Addressing the folks back home, he added, "I will come home Wednesday and ask for your vote."

AP

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, and his attorney Brendan Sullivan, leave federal court in Washington, Monday, Oct. 27, 2008, after a guilty verdict was returned by the jury at his trial.

McCain fights for comeback in hard-hit Ohio

CANTON, Ohio (AP)—Fading in the polls, John McCain fought Barack Obama for support in economically hard-hit Ohio on Monday, each man pledging to right the economy and turn the page on the Bush era in a state with an impressive record for picking presidents.

Eight days from the election, however, Republicans looked and sounded increasingly like a party anticipating defeat, and possibly a substantial one.

McCain betrayed no such pessimism, assailing Obama as "the most liberal person ever to run for the presidency" and warning that Democrats would tax and spend the nation deeper into recession if they win the White House and keep control of Congress.

Referring to Obama, he said, "We both disagree with President Bush on economic policy. The difference is that he thinks taxes have been too low, and I think that spending has been too high."

Obama, running to become the nation's first black president, countered that when it comes to the economy, "John McCain has stood with this president every step of the way."

He added, "The question in this election is not 'Are you better off than you were four years ago?' We know the answer to that. The real question is, 'Will this country be better off four years from now?'"

The polls suggest the country is leaning toward an Obama presidency. The Illinois senator runs ahead in national surveys.

Feds disrupt alleged plot targeting Obama

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two white supremacists allegedly plotted to go on a national killing spree, shooting and decapitating black people and ultimately targeting Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, federal authorities said Monday.

In all, the two men whom officials described as neo-Nazi skinheads planned to kill 88 people—14 by beheading, according to documents unsealed in U.S. District Court in Jackson, Tenn. The numbers 88 and 14 are symbolic in the white supremacist community.

The spree, which initially targeted an unidentified predominantly African-American school, was to end with the two men driving toward Obama, "shooting at him from the windows," the documents show.

"Both individuals stated they would dress in all-white tuxedos and wear top hats during the assassination attempt," the court complaint states. "Both individuals further stated they knew they would and were willing to die during this attempt."

An Obama spokeswoman traveling with the senator in Pennsylvania had no immediate comment.

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Asia

NKorean soldier defects to South Korea through DMZ

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—A North Korean soldier has defected to South Korea through the heavily fortified border dividing the two countries, an official from the South's spy agency said Tuesday, in only the second such defection in a decade.

Meanwhile, North Korea warned it would turn South Korea into "debris" and break off all relations if Seoul does not halt "confrontational" activities against the communist country. The threat comes a day after military officers held brief talks at the border, their second official contact since the North broke off inter-Korean relations in February.

"The puppet authorities had better remember that the advanced pre-emptive strike of our own style will reduce everything opposed to the nation and reunification to debris, not just setting them on fire," the North's military said in a statement carried by the state-run Korean Central News Agency.

The North Korean defector was being investigated, a National Intelligence Service official said, declining to identify his name, rank and the date of his defection.

The soldier recently approached a South Korean guard post in a central part of the Demilitarized Zone asking for asylum in the South, the NIS official said.

The soldier told South Korean officials he was frustrated by life in North Korea and concerned about his future in the communist country, the NIS official said. The official asked not to be named, citing the agency policy.

It would be the second defection in a decade across the border. A North Korean officer also defected to the South through the DMZ in April.

Defections across the border—one of the world's most heavily armed—are rare. The vast majority of North Koreans fleeing their communist homeland travel by land through China and Southeast Asia before arriving in the South.

More than 14,300 North Koreans have arrived in the South since the Korean War, according to South Korea's Unification Ministry.

Relations between the two countries have been tense since South Korean President Lee Myung-bak's administration took office earlier this year pledging to get tough with Pyongyang.

AP

South Koreans watch TV reporting on North Korean leader Kim Jong Il at a railway station in Seoul, Seoul, South Korea, Monday, Oct. 20, 2008.

Pakistani, Afghan chiefs seek way out of violence

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistani and Afghan tribal chiefs were seeking ways Tuesday to end the violence dogging their countries, including offering talks to Taliban militants.

Tribal and political leaders were concluding a two-day jirga, or traditional council, set up to foster cooperation between the uneasy allies of the United States. The meeting of some 50 leaders in Islamabad is a follow-up to a much larger "peace council" in Kabul last year which vowed to fight terrorism together.

The Taliban has gained strength in both countries, and there are increasing calls for dialogue with the insurgents as a way to ease the turmoil.

The idea for the jirga process had been hatched almost a year earlier during a White House meeting between President Bush, Afghan President Hamid Karzai and then-Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf.

The pledges of cross-border cooperation made in 2007 have largely failed to materialize.

Karzai has accused Pakistan of secretly aiding the Taliban—a charge Islamabad rejects as an attempt to mask failures of the government and international community in Afghanistan.

Still, Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said Pakistan's return to full democratic rule—former army chief Musharraf resigned as president in August—had changed the equation in favor of cooperation against terrorism.

"A democratic polity draws its strength from the mandate of the people. It has a much greater chance of success than a dictatorship," he said.

Qureshi told the council on Monday that talks should be open to "sons of the soil willing to forsake the path of violence."

ASIAN BRIEFS

Officials: Bangladesh storm kills 15, injures 200

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—A tropical storm lashed Bangladesh's coast, killing at least 15 people and injuring 200 more, rescue officials said Tuesday. The storm, spawned by a depression in the Bay of Bengal, struck late Monday, inundating hundreds of villages, leveling several thousand huts and knocking down electricity poles, officials said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. At least 10 bodies were pulled from the rubble of collapsed houses in Biracial district, a hard-hit area 75 miles south of the capital, Dhaka, they said. Another five people drowned in neighboring Patuakhali district. At least 200 villagers were injured and many were taken to hospitals, they said.

New deal to rescue Borneo orangutans in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Conservationists said Tuesday they were planning a big push to protect Borneo's orangutans, pygmy elephants and other endangered wildlife by purchasing land from palm oil producers to create a forest sanctuary. The deal is meant to help stave off the demise of orangutans, whose numbers have dwindled amid illegal logging and the rapid spread of palm oil plantations in Malaysia and Indonesia, the only two countries where orangutans are found in the wild. The Malaysian-based LEAP Conservancy group is in talks to buy 222 acres of tropical jungle land in Malaysia's Sabah state on Borneo island from palm oil operators, said Cynthia Ong, LEAP's executive director.

17-year-old Pakistani girl's death prompts outcry

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—A Pakistani man says his 17-year-old daughter was mauled by dogs and shot to death in front of him over a land dispute disguised as a so-called "honor killing." Female senators staged a walkout from the federal parliament Monday to press for action on better protections for women after a national newspaper published details of Tasleem Solangi's death. "How long will women be buried alive and made to face hungry dogs? Women are not given their rights," opposition lawmaker Semi Siddiqui said. Ibrahim Solangi, 28, has been in custody ever since Taslim's death in March and is awaiting trial on murder charges, said Pir Mohammad Shah, the police chief of the Khairpur Mirs district in southern Pakistan. Taslim's husband was also her first cousin.

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WORLD BRIEFS

US official: Raid on Syria killed leader of cell

SUKKARIYEH, Syria (AP)—A cross-border raid by U.S. special forces killed the al-Qaida-linked head of a Syrian network that smuggled fighters, weapons and cash into Iraq, an American counterterrorism official said Monday. Blood stained the earth in this border village as anguished Syrians buried relatives they said were killed in the U.S. helicopter attack Sunday. Some shouted anti-American slogans and carried banners reading "Down with Bush and the American enemy." The operation targeted the home of Abu Ghadiyah, the nickname for the leader of a key cell of foreign fighters in Iraq, the U.S. official told The Associated Press from Washington. He spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive intelligence. The U.S. Treasury Department has named Abu Ghadiyah as one of four major figures in al-Qaida's Iraq wing who were living in Syria.

Zimbabwe's neighbors to meet on unity deal

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)—Fourteen southern African nations will hold a summit to try to break a power-sharing stalemate in Zimbabwe between President Robert Mugabe and the opposition that has prevented the formation of a new government. Regional leaders debated the issue into the early hours Tuesday in the Zimbabwean capital of Harare. Tomas Salomao, executive secretary of the 14-member Southern African Development Community, said the participants recommended holding a full summit "to further review the current political situation in Zimbabwe as a matter of urgency." A date and place were not immediately set. An agreement signed Sept. 15 has stalled over how to share government ministries among Mugabe's party, Morgan Tsvangirai's Movement for Democratic Change and a smaller opposition group.

Mexican official: Drug spy says he leaked DEA info

MEXICO CITY (AP)—A major drug cartel has infiltrated the Mexican attorney general's office and may have paid a spy inside the U.S. Embassy for details of DEA operations, Mexican prosecutors said Monday. The Drug Enforcement Administration's intelligence chief expressed concern about the alleged spy's claims, but said he couldn't confirm that the Embassy had been infiltrated, and that it was too early to pull out undercover agents for fear their identities may have been compromised. Mexico's Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora said five officials of his Organized Crime unit were arrested on allegations they served as informants for the Beltran-Leyva cartel. He said there are indications other spies still work inside his agency. The Embassy employee, who also at one time worked for Interpol at the Mexico City airport, is now a protected witness after telling Mexican officials in Washington that he leaked details of DEA operations to the cartel, an attorney general's official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS

REQUEST FOR DEVELOPER PROPOSALS FOR KOBLERVILLE/CAPITOL HILL HOMESTEAD PROJECT

The Department of Public Lands is requesting PROPOSALS (RFP) from QUALIFIED FIRMS (Developers) FOR THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING OF LOW COST HOUSING UNITS IN KOBLERVILLE AND CAPITOL HILL HOMESTEAD LOTS. THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

PHASE 1: 100 QUADRUPLEX UNITS in Koblerville AND 39 QUADRUPLEX UNITS ON Capitol Hill.

PHASE 2: 100 QUADRUPLEX UNITS IN KOBLERVILLE CONSISTING OF FIFTY EACH TWO BEDROOMS UNITS AND FIFTY EACH THREE BEDROOM UNITS.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS ON-SITE WATER AND POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, DRAINAGE FACILITIES, ROADWAYS, SIDEWALKS, AND LANDSCAPING.

Upon completion and acceptance, the Department of Public Lands will work a negotiated payment plan with the winning bidder. The Department of Public Lands will market the homes to potential buyers (qualified homesteaders) and will coordinate and assist with financing for the homeowners through private banks. As each home is completed and homeowner loans are closed, the payment of bank proceeds will be authorized to pay for the construction and transfer of ownership of the residential homes and lots to the buyers.

A PREBID CONFERENCE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M. AT DPL'S CONFERENCE ROOM AT ITS MAIN OFFICE IN DANDAN. Questions from parties CONCERNING THE DETAIL OF THE PROJECT will be entertained AT THAT TIME.

Bid Proposals:

BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 4:30 PM ON NOVEMBER 28, 2008. Bids must be accompanied by a Bidder's bond in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid, executed by the bidder or principal and by a surety company RECOGNIZED AND CERTIFIED BY THE COMMONWEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER. SUCH BOND SHALL be forfeited to the Owner should the bidder fail to execute a contract within ten (10) days after Notice of Award. All bids must be in writing, sealed and marked ("Koblerville Homestead Development"; NO FACSIMILES WILL BE ACCEPTED). Bids are to be submitted as to both phases and as a lump sum total. Bids must state that they will remain open for thirty (30) days.

Contractors or members of their teams shall not communicate with the Department's Selection Committee, employees of the Department or the Secretary of the Department except as stipulated per the requirements of this notice. Failure to abide by this requirement may result in rejection of the Contractor's submittal. The Department of Public Lands reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to re-advertise for bids when it is in the best interest of the Department of Public Lands.

John S. DelRosario, Jr., Secretary

Campus Life

WSR sees spike in students needing tutorials

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REPORTER

The number of students needing individualized education plans continues to grow at William S. Reyes Elementary School.

This year 43 students are under IEPs, up from 30 last year, said WSR principal Lynette Villagomez.

"Our school has always had large number, but it continues to grow," she said. "Our teachers are very good with identifying students who are struggling."

The individualized education plans are not only for students struggling academically, but can include students who have behavioral problems or are facing other challenges, Villagomez said.

She said it's important to get the students the necessary help as soon as possible.

"We let teachers know not to wait until 3rd or 4th grade," she said. "By that time we lose so much time. We tell them to be observant in the referral process."

If necessary, a child study team is organized to determine if an IEP is needed. The team includes the student's current and past teachers, counselor, parents and sometimes the student, depending on the maturity level.

"We look at the student's history and background. We do a big investigation to find out how we can help this child," Villagomez said.

If it is determined that further evaluation is needed, a school psychologist will assess the student. Even if a student does not need a psychological assessment, other plans are used to help the child, she said.

Villagomez said one theory she has on the increase of IEPs is because of proactive teachers.

"We're identifying them early," she said. "We're not waiting until the child is in 5th grade and saying, 'hey, there's something wrong,'" she said.

LITERACY FESTIVAL LILIA KING
Garapan Head Start students recite with sign language a poem called "Whose Child is This?" during the 10th anniversary celebration of the CNMI Motheread/Fatheread Program called Family Literacy Festival, held Oct. 25 at the Dandan Elementary School.

PGFC WINNERS

Students of the Grace Christian Academy reaped several awards during the last PGFC tournament, held Oct. 4 at the Kagman Elementary School. The winners are the following:

K-2 DIVISION

READERS FORUM- MASTERS
Claudilyn Lacbayo, 1st Place
Sherijean Dela Cruz, 5th Place

READERS FORUM- NOVICE
Yukianna Dela Cruz, 2nd Place
Hannah Palacios, 4th Place

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING
Claudilyn Lacbayo, 1st Place
Riley Anne Buenaventura, 2nd Place
Clark Birmingham, 3rd Place
Caryl Andrei Batenga, 4th Place
Marcelo Masilungan Jr., 4th Place

3-5 DIVISION

READERS FORUM- MASTERS
Aileen Camille Dimaano, 5th Place

READER'S FORUM-NOVICE
Peter Luis Camacho, 1st Place
Yujin Lee, 1st Place
Samuel Seo, 2nd Place
Maia Pangelinan, 2nd Place
Alyssa Jean Pantaleon, 4th Place
Mulan Ta, 4th Place
Jasmine Gortayo, 4th Place
Peggy Pixley, 5th Place
Kimiko Tenorio, 5th Place

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION
Rita Laxamana-4th Place

DUO INTERPRETATION
Yujin Lee and
Aileen Dimaano, 1st Place

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING
Peter Luis Camacho, 1st Place
Angela Cruz, 2nd Place
Camiile Masilungan, 2nd Place
Dianne Arnold, 4th Place
Catrina Jean Pantaleon, 5th Place

Students of the Garapan Headstart pose with Little Miss Marianas after the program celebrating the 10th anniversary of the CNMI Motheread/Fatheread Program on Oct. 25 at the Dandan Elementary School. LILIA KING

INAUGURAL WAKATHON
John Ricafort and his daughters participate in the Inaugural Sister Remedios Memorial Walkathon held Oct. 25. The event, organized by Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center, raised a total of $5,000. Participants walked from Kilili Beach Park toward the traffic light intersection in San Jose. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

'My calling is to be a principal'

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REPORTER

As principal of William S. Reyes Elementary School, Lynette Villagomez oversees 698 students. Here she answers some questions.

William S. Reyes Elementary School principal Lynette Villagomez.

Question: What is your past experience?

Answer: I was vice principal at WSR from 2002 to 2006. I became principal at WSR in 2006. Before that I was a 3rd grade teacher for one year, a 2nd grade teacher for two years and a reading resource teacher for one year.

Q: What is a typical day like as principal?

A: Well, I start off by coming to work. Of course, I greet students and teachers. And then I spend time catching up on work. And helping out with other tasks: helping the vice principal with curriculum, and anything else that surrounds duties and responsibilities of running a school; going to the cafeteria; attending a lot of meetings; and, of course, there's dealing with student behavior. I do a lot with special education… we're very busy. Besides meetings and all that, we have our reports to put together for [the Public School System]. It's very challenging, especially this school year. I'm finding it's more challenging this school year.

I enjoy being in the classroom; however, I guess my calling is to be a principal. I want to help students by being able to help teachers. If I were in a classroom, I would only help those students. But by being a principal, I can help all students by helping their teachers.

Q: What's the best thing about being a principal?

A: The best thing is making a difference in a child's life and seeing them change over time, in terms of their growth academically or emotionally. We have to take care of their emotional needs before we can take care of their academic needs. It's gratifying.

Q: What's the hardest part of being a principal?

A: The hardest part, I think, is meeting the needs of our community, in terms of not only academic goals, but in order to meet that we have to be able to take care of emotional needs—the basic needs of a child. In this area, that's a big challenge for me. In this community, Chalan Kanoa and Susupe…it's very different. If a student is not emotionally stable, it's very difficult for them to learn.

Q: What are your goals for the school year?

A: There are six goals for the students: to become life long learners; smart thinkers; effective communicators; collaborative workers; quality producers; and community contributors.

Life & Style

Singer's 7-year-old nephew found dead in SUV

By SOPHIA TAREEN
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CHICAGO (AP)—Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson's 7-year-old nephew was found dead in the back of an SUV on Monday, ending a frantic search that began after the shooting deaths of her mother and brother three days earlier.

The singer and actress was among seven family members and close friends who cried and held hands as they identified Julian King's body from a live image on a television screen at the Cook County Medical Examiner's office Monday afternoon.

Chicago police spokeswoman Monique Bond said the boy, like his grandmother and uncle, had been shot. The medical examiner's office planned a Tuesday autopsy.

Chicago Police Superintendent Jody Weis said a motive remained unclear Monday but added, "It wasn't a case of a stranger-type homicide."

Police have characterized the slayings as "domestic related" and authorities have been questioning Julian's stepfather, who has been estranged from the boy's mother and is being held on a parole violation. No one has been charged in the slayings.

Julian's body was found shortly after 7 a.m. in the rear seat of the SUV, which matched the one mentioned in an Amber Alert for the boy and was parked on the street in a neighborhood of brownstone homes and apartment buildings.

The vehicle was about 10 miles from the house where the other victims were found, which was where Julian lived and where Hudson grew up.

Hudson had offered $100,000 Sunday for information leading to the safe return of her nephew, the son of her sister, Julia Hudson. Hudson's publicist did not immediately return calls and e-mail messages Monday.

"Miss Hudson wanted to request privacy," Cook County spokesman Sean Howard said after the family left the medical examiner's office. "This is a very trying time for her and her family."

Hudson's aunt, Dorothy Hudson, said the Chicago funeral home she owns with her husband will handle arrangements for the family, but details were pending.

"We're just sad. We're going through this stage where we're just sad and in shock," Dorothy Hudson said.

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Two wooden crosses, balloons and stuffed animals are placed in memorial outside the home of Darnell Donerson and Jason Hudson, the mother and brother of Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Hudson on the Southside of Chicago, Monday, Oct. 27, 2008.

The Amber Alert had listed William Balfour, the estranged husband of Julia Hudson, as a suspect in a "double homicide investigation." He is not the boy's father and has not been charged in the slayings.

Weis said Monday that Balfour "remains a person of interest."

The chief said he was confident that with two crime scenes, investigators would find important clues.

Balfour, 27, was taken into custody for questioning Friday after the bodies of Hudson's 57-year-old mother, Darnell Donerson, and 29-year-old brother, Jason Hudson, were found.

On Sunday, Balfour was transferred to the Illinois Department of Corrections, where a spokeswoman declined Monday to discuss his parole violation.

Corrections records show Balfour spent nearly seven years in prison for attempted murder, vehicular hijacking and possessing a stolen vehicle. He was expected to remain in state custody until the Illinois Prisoner Review Board looked at his case.

Balfour's mother, Michele Balfour, has said Hudson's mother kicked Balfour out of the family home last winter. She denied her son had anything to do with the killings.

It was unclear whether Balfour had an attorney.

Lynette Louden, 47, said she called police about the SUV across the street from her home on Chicago's West Side after her family's Chihuahua started barking at it early Monday. Some neighbors said they hadn't seen the vehicle before Monday, but Louden said it had been there since at least Saturday.

"I only hoped the body wasn't in there," she said. "When they said that it was, I cried."

Weis said police were waiting for the autopsy to determine how long the boy had been dead, but estimated the vehicle was parked on the street "a couple of days."

When asked how officers could have missed the SUV during their massive search, Weis noted that Chicago is a big city and that the vehicle was "several miles away from the first crime scene."

Steve Peterson, head of the department's Bureau of Investigative Services, said the search for the boy had been centered farther east based on information they had about where Balfour's current girlfriend lives.

Hudson, 27, who won an Academy Award for best supporting actress in 2007 for her role in "Dreamgirls," returned to Chicago to be with her family during the weekend. She also had identified the bodies of her mother and brother.

Neighbors and well-wishers brought stuffed animals and other items to a makeshift memorial outside Donerson's two-story white clapboard home as news of Monday's discovery spread.

At a candlelight vigil on Monday night, hundreds of people gathered outside the Englewood home. They sang, held hands and cried in the cold as they contributed to an expanding memorial of stuffed animals, balloons and flowers.

"I wanted to come out and support the community in their endeavor and to let Jennifer Hudson know how much we care and we're praying for her," said Doris Jones, who lives in the neighborhood. "It pains all of us to know three lives are gone and we don't know why."

Triple tragedy leaves Hudson career at crossroads

NEW YORK (AP)—Just a month ago, a bubbly Jennifer Hudson—who had been striking gold with just about everything she touched—was running down the list of all the projects that she expected would soon dominate her life.

Already an Oscar-winning actress, the 27-year-old was about to release her first album, which would become an instant best-seller, and a new movie, "The Secret Life of Bees." But the entertainer saw so much more in her future.

"I am planning on touring," she said, rattling off a list of her upcoming priorities. "There's more films and more music and stuff like that ... I want to start a fashion line as well, start writing music."

There were also plans of a big wedding to new fiance David Otunga.

"It's gonna be a production," she gushed. "I have so many visions for it right now—I get to put that together."

But last week, at a moment when her wildest dreams were either realized or seemed well within reach, she suffered a personal tragedy so devastating, so unthinkable, that it would be understandable if she never moved to reclaim them.

Instead of filming a video for her new single Monday in Los Angeles, Hudson was in Chicago, identifying the body of a child believed to be her 7-year-old nephew Julian—apparently the third victim in a killing spree that had already claimed her mother and brother, whose bodies she had identified a couple of days before.

"This is really something no one can really deal with, and you never fully recover from something like this," said Harvey Mason, who has written and produced songs for Hudson and considers her a friend. "But she's a very strong person, and she's got a great heart, and I'm just sad something like this has had to enter into her life."

Hudson's mother, Darnell Donerson, 57, and 29-year-old brother, Jason Hudson, were killed in the family's home in a homicide police have described as domestic in nature. Her sister Julia's 7-year-old son, Julian, was declared missing, along with a white truck taken from the scene.

On Monday, after a weekend of pleas from both Julia and Jennifer Hudson—who had offered $100,000 Sunday for information leading to the boy's safe return—police found the truck and the body of a 7-year-old child inside who they later said was Julian.

Police have been questioning William Balfour, the estranged husband of Julia Hudson who is in custody. Balfour is not the boy's father and has not been charged in the slayings.

Although Hudson has spoken out from her MySpace.

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In this Friday, Sept. 5, 2008 file photo, actress Jennifer Hudson attends a gala screening of "The Secret Life Of Bees" during the Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto.

com page, thanking fans for their support, she has been in seclusion in Chicago. All public events that she had scheduled over the next week or so have been canceled, and a planned video shoot for her new single "If It Isn't Love," which was to take place starting Monday in Los Angeles, was also abandoned.

The triple homicide came as Hudson's career continued on the white-hot streak that began with her Oscar-winning role in the movie "Dreamgirls." The singer had first come to prominence as a big-voiced finalist on "American Idol" in 2005, but floundered in her career.

Without a record deal and only no-name producers to work with, she even began to wonder if a music career was ever going to happen for her.

"After 'Idol,' I didn't have a manager, I didn't have an agent, none of that," she said. "I just had random producers."

That all changed when she was cast in the movie adaptation of the classic Broadway musical. The movie's stars included Oscar-winner Jamie Foxx, Beyonce and Eddie Murphy—but it was Hudson who stole scene after scene, and landed an Academy Award in 2007 for best supporting actress for the portrayal of the troubled singer Effie.

After that, Hudson also appeared in summer hit "Sex and the City," and has a supporting role in the movie "The Secret Life of Bees," in theaters now. Meanwhile, she was at work on her self-titled album, which debuted at No. 2 on the charts earlier this month and has spawned the hit single, "Spotlight."

In addition to those achievements, she also was selected to sing the national anthem before Barack Obama's historic acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention in August. She called the experience "the most overwhelming and meaningful thing to date that I've done." When asked if she was registered to vote, she laughed and said: "I'm registered definitely—my mom would have it no other way!"

Hudson was particularly close to her family, and members were usually on hand during the major milestones in her career, including her Oscar win.

"They came out for a lot of awards, things like that. The family was a very close knit family, as far as I can tell, all very sweet and supportive," said Mason, who recalled meeting her family and how proud Jennifer was to introduce them to people. "Jennifer's family seemed to be a big part of her support structure."

Mason has yet to speak with Hudson, but said he had extended his support and prayers, along with a host of other celebrity friends and supporters.

McCain getting hammered on late-night TV

NEW YORK (AP)—As if sinking poll numbers and political attacks weren't enough, the McCain-Palin ticket has been taking it on the chin from late-night comics.

They've provided a rich vein of material—lipstick on pigs, bridges to nowhere, expensive wardrobes, seeing Russia over the horizon and simply McCain's white hair. Yet the degree to which the Republicans have been the butt of jokes this fall, compared to Barack Obama, is astonishing.

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In this photo originally released by CBS, Republican Presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, left, talks with host David Letterman on the set of "The Late Show with David Letterman," Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008 in New York.

From Sept. 1 through Friday, the Republicans were the target of 475 jokes by Jay Leno and David Letterman alone. The Democratic team of Obama and Joe Biden were the victim 69 times, according to the Center for Media and Public Affairs, which has been tracking such data since 1988. That's nearly a 7-to-1 ratio.

In no other campaign over the last 20 years has one party's ticket been jabbed more than the other by even a 2-to-1 ratio, said Robert Lichter, a George Mason University professor and head of the center.

Comedy Central's Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert have a similar imbalance. The center doesn't even consider Jimmy Kimmel, Conan O'Brien, Craig Ferguson and others—including the season's breakout comedy star, Tina Fey imitating Sarah Palin.

"Critics are wondering, what happened to the old John McCain?" Colbert said. "Wait a minute. There's an older John McCain?"

Craig Ferguson of CBS' "Late Late Show": "At this point, it's a race to see what drops faster—the stock market or John McCain's poll numbers."

Letterman: "John McCain said he's going to win (the third presidential debate). Of course, he also told Custer the surge was working."

Leno: "According to a recent poll, 61 percent of people surveyed said they'd rather see Sarah Palin in a bikini than Pamela Anderson. Although 99 percent said they'd rather see Pamela Anderson as vice president."

And so on.

There's no question it has hurt the Republican campaign, said Keith Appell, a GOP media strategist for CRC Public Relations. He'll grant that McCain and Palin have provided material, but Appell said Democratic gaffes are virtually ignored.

Certainly, little was made of Biden's must-have-missed-that-day-in-history-class comment that "Franklin D. Roosevelt got on the television" when the stock market crashed in October 1929—even though Herbert Hoover was in office and there was no television.

Comic D.L. Hughley, who began a comedy show on CNN last weekend, believes there's a hesitation among white comedy writing staffs and late-night hosts to joke about a black candidate. Fearing a slip into something considered offensive, some comics are conservative.

He jokes about how it might be for a white man to be the first to lose a campaign for president to a black—"that's got to look bad at the country club." Hughley, who's black, delivers the joke easily for a laugh but wonders whether white comics would even think of such a line or say it.

Some of the Obama-directed jokes clearly stay safe: "In an interview, Barack Obama forgot which wedding anniversary he celebrates this year," Ferguson said. "Michelle Obama just changed their slogan to "yes you can ... sleep on the couch."

Obama has also been relatively bland during the campaign, more difficult to caricature, Hughley said.

"If you only depended on the Obama-Biden ticket for jokes, you'd go out of business," Lichter said. "There's nothing there."

On HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher" Friday, the host joked—or was he joking?—that Obama shouldn't be so near perfect, since comics will then have fallow ground to reap.

Hughley's CNN debut was a rarity: He had more jokes about Obama. One was about Obama's 173 cholesterol level—Hughley said he doesn't know any black man with a number that low. He thinks comedy humanizes people, and if Obama is elected president, the late-night comics better get used to joking about him.

McCain's decision to skip a David Letterman appearance during the brief suspension of his campaign was a disastrous move, about which the candidate later said, "I screwed up." Letterman brutalized him in its wake; in two months, he's cracked 280 jokes about McCain-Palin and 17 about the Democratic team.

Arguably, Letterman's relentless hammering contributed to many in the public believing that the campaign suspension was a bad idea, adding to the campaign's image problems.

Late-night wrap-up of election jokes

NEW YORK (AP)—Eight days to go before the election, late-night TV hosts are getting out their final campaign jokes. A selection from Monday night:

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"Political experts say that John McCain's only chance of winning the election next week is to attract swing voters. Unfortunately, McCain thinks swing voters are people who listen to Glenn Miller."—Conan O'Brien, NBC's "Late Night."

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"They say now that Barack Obama is so far ahead in the polls, that the only way he could mess up the election is if he ... got rid of Joe Biden and replaced him with Andy Dick."—David Letterman, CBS's "The Late Show."

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"McCain may be behind but the man is a fighter. He doesn't know the meaning of the word quit. He used to, but it was stored in the same part of his brain that remembered to vet his running mate."—Stephen Colbert, Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report."

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"The other day, a guy who played a game of basketball against Barack Obama said that Obama spent the whole game `trash talking.' He also said Obama's trash-talking is eloquent, high-minded and inspirational."—Conan O'Brien, NBC's "Late Night."

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"Today in Alaska the Anchorage Daily News, Alaska's largest newspaper, guess who they endorsed: Barack Obama. I know! That's another newspaper Sarah Palin will never read."—Craig Ferguson, CBS's "The Late Late Show."

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"Sarah Palin has spent $150,000 on clothes. $150,000 on clothes. I'm telling ya, it would have been cheaper if McCain had picked Ellen Barkin. But that's nothing. She's got an even higher tab at LensCrafters."—David Letterman, CBS's "The Late Show."

Sarah Palin doll to be auctioned for charity

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Move over, Tina Fey, there's a new Sarah Palin impersonator in town.

Four one-of-a-kind Cabbage Patch Kids dolls crafted in the likeness of presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain and vice presidential candidates Joe Biden and Palin will be auctioned on the eBay.com Web site.

The dolls sport outfits inspired by their counterparts, with the Palin doll wearing the Republican candidate's signature rimless eyeglasses, red suit and heels.

"These four folks in particular seemed like the perfect candidates, if you will, to become one-of-a-kind Cabbage Patch Kids," said Jakks Pacific Inc. spokeswoman Genna Rosenberg. "We've had a great history with making celebrity look-alikes with these Kids. We've done everyone from Elvis to Donald Trump to Ellen (DeGeneres) and Oprah (Winfrey)."

All proceeds from the auction, which begins Thursday and ends Nov. 4, will benefit the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. Jakks Pacific will also auction six limited edition 25th-anniversary dolls that have been created to look identical to the original Cabbage Patch Kids that were first released in 1983.

AP

In this image released by Jakks Pacific Inc., a Cabbage Patch Kids doll crafted in the likeness of Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin is shown.

iPods for all: Other ways to spend Iraq war's $1T

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—When the Sunday morning political pundits began talking last year about the tab for the war in Iraq hitting $1 trillion, Rob Simpson sprang from his sofa in indignation.

"Why aren't people outraged about this? Why aren't we hearing about it?" Simpson said. And then it came to him: "Nobody knows what a trillion dollars is."

The amount—$1,000,000,000,000—was just too big to comprehend.

So Simpson, 51, decided to embark "on an unusual but intriguing research project" to put the dollars and cents of the war into perspective. He hired some assistants and spent 12 months immersed in economic data and crunching numbers.

The result: a slim but heavily annotated paperback released, "What We Could Have Done With the Money: 50 Ways to Spend the Trillion Dollars We've Spent on Iraq."

Simpson is no geopolitical, macro-economic, inside-the-Beltway expert. He's an armchair analyst and creative director for an advertising agency, a former radio announcer and music critic in Ontario and a one-time voiceover actor.

His alternative spending choices reflect his curiosity and wit.

He calculates $1 trillion could pave the entire U.S. interstate highway system with gold—23.5-karat gold leaf. It could buy every person on the planet an iPod. It could give every high school student in the United States a free college education. It could pay off every American's credit card. It could buy a Buick for every senior citizen still driving in the United States.

"As I started exploring, I was really taken aback by some of the things that can be done, both the absurd and the practical," Simpson said.

America could the double the 663,000 cops on the beat for 32 years. It could buy 16.6 million Habitat for Humanity houses, enough for 43 million Americans.

Now imagine investing that $1 trillion in the stock market—perhaps a riskier proposition today than when Simpson finished the book—to make it grow and last longer. He used an accepted long-term return on investment of 9 percent annually, with compounding interest.

The investment approach could pay for 1.9 million additional teachers for America's classrooms, retrain 4 million workers a year or lay a foundation for paying Social Security benefits in 65 years to every child born in the United States, beginning today.

It's too recent to make Simpson's list, but that $1 trillion could also have paid for the Bush administration's financial bailout plan, with $300 billion to spare. It might not be enough, however, to pay for the war in Iraq. Nobel Laureate Joseph Stiglitz has recently upped his estimate of the war's cost to $3 trillion.

Simpson created a Web site companion to his book that lets you go virtual shopping with a $1 trillion credit card. Choices range from buying sports franchises to theme parks, from helping disabled veterans to polar bears.

Click on Air Force One, the president's $325 million airplane. The program asks: "Quantity?"

"At one point we couldn't find anybody who actually stuck with it long enough to spend $1 trillion," Simpson said. "It will wear you out."

Civil trial of Keanu Reeves begins in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Just like in "The Matrix," jurors in a civil trial featuring Keanu Reeves may have to wade through several versions of reality.

A jury was selected Monday to hear the case, which stems from a March 2007 incident in which a paparazzo claims he was seriously injured while shooting photos of Reeves behind the wheel of his Porsche.

A lawyer for Alison Silva contends Reeves struck the photographer with his car, causing him to fall to the ground. But Reeves' attorney, Alfred Gerisch, told the panel that the photographer repeatedly changed his story depending on whether he was talking to paramedics, a deputy or doctors.

"Mr. Silva, during the course of that night, has told at least five different versions of what happened," Gerisch said during opening statements.

Reeves, the star of action flicks such as "Speed" and the upcoming remake of "The Day the Earth Stood Still," sat quietly in the courtroom. He spoke to jurors only once Monday to wish them "good morning."

The actor could spend up to three hours on the witness stand Tuesday, when he is expected to testify about his recollection of the incident. In opening statements, Gerisch said Reeves saw Silva trip over his own feet, and that the actor stopped to help him after the fall.

Reeves had gone to a residential area about 30 miles south of downtown Los Angeles to visit a family member in March 2007, Gerisch said. Silva had followed him after spotting the actor driving his car on Sunset Boulevard and waited until he was leaving, Gerisch said.

AP

In this Oct. 1, 2008 file photo, Keanu Reeves arrives at Target Presents AFI Night at the Movies in Los Angeles.

Silva shot several photographs of Reeves walking down the street and continued to shoot the actor while he was behind the wheel of his car and trying to pull out of a parking space.

Silva's lawyer, Joseph Farzam, told jurors that Reeves struck the photographer's knee with his car and continued rolling until he fell to the ground. The tumble seriously injured Silva's wrist and required surgery that left him with reduced strength and flexibility, Farzam said.

He said evidence will show that Reeves had his head down when the accident occurred.

The trial will likely feature testimony from several doctors describing the damage to Silva's wrist. Both sides acknowledge the paparazzo injured his wrist years earlier, but Farzam contended Monday the injury was made significantly worse by the fall.

Jury selection had a distinctive Hollywood flair, with several prospective jurors working in the film industry. One woman who listed her occupation as "actress" said she knew people who worked with Reeves, who smiled slightly as she spoke.

One man who said he was once the voice of Bugs Bunny did an impromptu impression, causing laughter in the courtroom.

Another man who said he hadn't been to a movie theater in 30 years said a friend gave him one of Reeves' movies with spectacular special effects, possibly describing "The Matrix." In the film, Reeves' character joins a war waged on multiple planes of reality.

Whatever the film, the plot threw the man, who said, "Frankly, I didn't understand it."

Those three potential jurors were dismissed, along with an entertainment attorney and others who expressed a negative view of the paparazzi.

Many were familiar with his film roles, and complimented his acting ability. Those who remain on the panel include a law office clerk who described her firm's celebrity clients as "just files," an animator for "The Simpsons" and a government worker who serves as a liaison between film shoots and public parks.

LL Cool J quits as opening act for Jackson's tour

NEW YORK (AP)—In another setback on her "Rock Witchu" tour, Janet Jackson has lost her opening act: LL Cool J. The rapper's publicity firm announced Monday that he has dropped out as the headliner for Jackson because of unnamed scheduling conflicts.

It's the latest problem on Jackson's tour, her first North American outing in seven years. The 42-year-old singer was forced to cancel a string of earlier concerts because of a bout of migraine-associated vertigo. She recently resumed while being treated for the illness, which is characterized by dizziness, imbalance and other symptoms.

LL Cool J

Jackson's upcoming shows are Tuesday in Auburn Hills, Mich., and Saturday in New York. She is expected to announce more dates.

'Deep Throat' director dead at 80

MIAMI (AP)—Gerard Damiano, director of the pioneering pornographic film that lent its name to the Watergate whistleblower known as "Deep Throat," has died. He was 80.

Damiano died Saturday at a Fort Myers hospital, his son, Gerard Damiano Jr., said Monday. He had suffered a stroke in September.

"He was a filmmaker and an artist and we thought of him as such," the younger Damiano said. "Even though we weren't allowed to see his movies, we knew he was a moviemaker, and we were proud of that."

Damiano's "Deep Throat" was a mainstream box-office success and helped launch the modern hardcore adult-entertainment industry. Shot in six days for just $25,000, the 1972 flick became a cultural must-see for Americans who had just lived through the sexual liberation of the 1960s.

The film's title also became associated with one of the most famous anonymous sources in journalism.

While investigating the Watergate scandal, Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein used it as a nickname for their source, former FBI official W. Mark Felt. Information from Felt helped bring down Richard Nixon's presidency.

Born in New York in 1928, Damiano worked as a hairdresser, spent time in the Navy and directed several adult films. The younger Damiano said he would often accompany his father on film sets as a child, but would be ushered out during "nitty-gritty" scenes.

"We weren't allowed to see certain parts of it," the son said. "But my parents always felt that it was nothing to be ashamed of, what he did."

After "Deep Throat" opened in Times Square, attention from media critics and outraged conservatives—including repeated legal challenges—helped turn it into a hit.

"My father never dreamed that it would get that kind of attention," the younger Damiano said.

But despite the attention, the son said the film was not his father's favorite.

"He was fond of it for what it was, but in terms of filmmaking, he would never call it a great film," he said.

Gerard Damiano is survived by his son and daughter. No formal services are planned.

Alternate jurors sworn in for Phil Spector trial

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Opening statements in the murder retrial of music legend Phil Spector have been set for Wednesday after six alternate jurors were chosen.

The six join a panel of 12 regular jurors who will be asked to decide whether the death of actress Lana Clarkson at Spector's home in 2003 was murder. The defense will suggest she committed suicide.

The last alternate sworn Monday was a woman who said her brother's suicide years ago wouldn't affect her decision-making in Spector's case.

A regular juror who asked to be dismissed because he was needed at work was told to remain.

Jurors in Spector's first trial a year ago deadlocked 10-2 with the majority favoring conviction.

Mom works to pick up pieces after affair shatters her family

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago I discovered that my partner of 14 years, "Curt," had been sleeping with my 20-year-old son, "Troy's," girlfriend, "Jenna." Our family is crushed at the betrayal; Curt crossed so many boundaries. We have a daughter together, and she considered Jenna her sister.

I hurt for myself as well as my son, who can't believe that the man who helped raise him would do this to him.

Jenna admits that the affair is half her fault. She had been sending Curt provocative photos of herself. Troy has forgiven her. When he told her he was still willing to work on their relationship, she ended it with Curt.

I have kicked my former partner out of the house. No one wants anything to do with him or Jenna. However, I told Troy I would support his desire to repair his relationship with her. I feel I owe it to him after what his "stepfather" did. My problem is, I'm having trouble actually doing it.

I am so conflicted! The holidays are nearly here and so is Troy's birthday. While I would like to accept Jenna for my son's sake, I hate her for having so little respect for me and my feelings that she'd have sex with the man I loved.

TORN AND HURT IN ILLINOIS

DEAR TORN AND HURT: Your feelings are valid. You were betrayed by your partner and your son's girlfriend. While you may, at some point, be able to "forgive" Jenna and accept her back into your life, the promise you made to your son was premature.

Rebuilding trust will take time, and everyone needs to be able to talk their feelings out. It would be better to do this with the help of a licensed family therapist who can mediate and guide you through the process. (It will be a process.)

Also, as much as your son may love this young woman, he should plan a long engagement and lots of premarital counseling before he finally ties the knot -- if he does at all.

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DEAR ABBY: I have really only loved one woman. I don't think "Debra" ever realized it, even though we were friends. Since leaving high school 14 years ago, I have not been able to keep a relationship with a woman going for more than a few months. (I haven't seen Debra in nearly 16 years.)

I tried counseling, but it wasn't especially helpful. I have done Web searches and think I have finally located Debra. It appears that she's married. I don't really think I should contact her, but I have always wondered if she felt the same way about me.

I haven't been with anyone for five years. I have always thought about what might have been, even when I was in relationships. Please help me decide. I don't know if it is closure I'm looking for, or what.

PINING IN JAMESTOWN, N.Y.

DEAR PINING: What you're looking for is the realization of a high school fantasy, but what you're more likely in for is a cold dose of reality. Debra has moved on in her life, but you have not. You may have picked the wrong therapist or quit counseling too soon.

My advice is to stop trying to go back to high school and return to therapy before you waste any more time. You may have been spending far too much time living in the past. It's time to move on and start living in the here and now.

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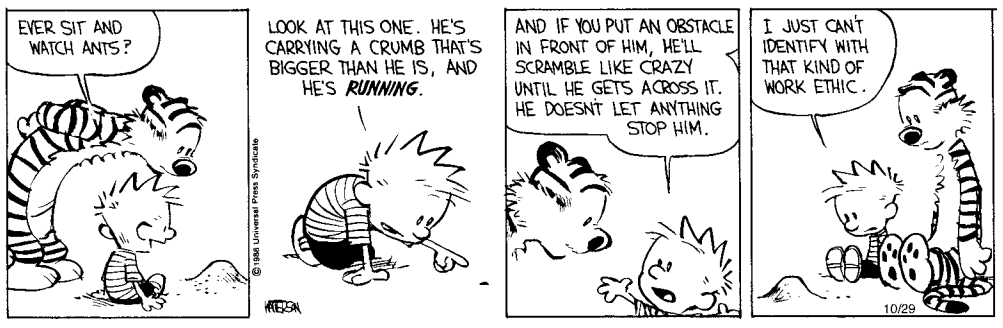
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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AND IF YOU PUT AN OBSTACLE IN FRONT OF HIM, HE'LL SCRAMBLE LIKE CRAZY UNTIL HE GETS ACROSS IT. HE DOESN'T LET ANYTHING STOP HIM.
I JUST CAN'T IDENTIFY WITH THAT KIND OF WORK ETHIC.
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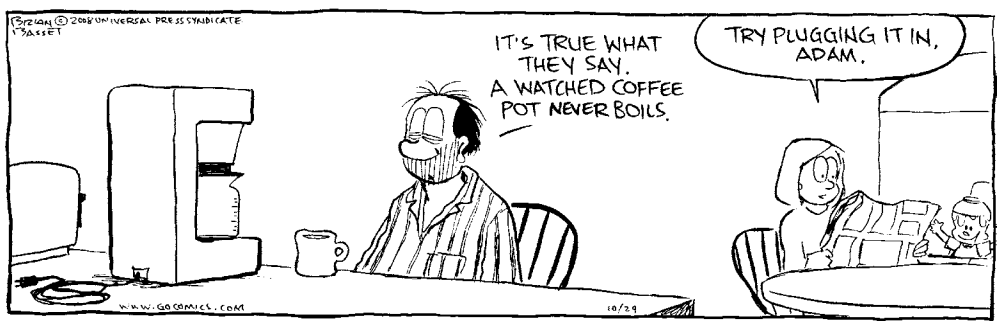
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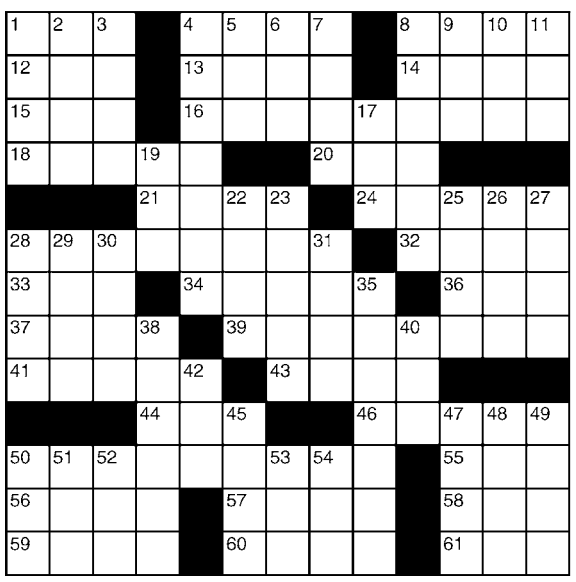

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): You cannot count on everyone. Look for any signs of dishonesty or insincerity. Once you realize whom you can trust, you will be able to move ahead with lightning speed. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Take things as they come. Acceptance will be half the battle. Gauge the situation you face before reacting. An intense encounter will resolve any differences you have with a partner. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Take what you hear as interesting but not necessarily factual. Find out what is actually going on, especially with work or a co-worker. Gossip or false comments may cause you to make a poor decision. Don't let pressure be a deciding factor for you. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You'll be given an opportunity to present an idea to entrepreneurial people looking for something worth investing in. A person who used to be a part of your life will want back in your circle. Consider what this person has that will complement what you do. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Expect complaints if you haven't contributed or given your all to something you promised you would do. The people you need in your corner will not be happy with anything less than your best. Accept any changes going on at home. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Reconnect with old friends. Attend a reunion or plan a trip to visit someone you miss. He or she will help you see more clearly a situation you face. Travel or educational pursuit should be planned and pursued. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Don't fall short now. You have to put everything into your future through education or professional maneuvers. Find a way to drum up more demand for your expertise and you will be able to make a few adjustments to your financial plans. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): It's time to state how you feel and discover that open conversation can lead to some solid reforms. Don't give in to someone who is trying to force unwanted changes to your home. Protect your interests and your assets. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): If someone wants something for nothing, say no. Don't let anyone dump added responsibilities on your shoulders. If you don't speak up, you will have regrets. A love connection needs some adjustments. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Stay focused and on track and put your own needs first. An unconventional alteration regarding your career will turn out in your favor. Stick to the facts and don't exaggerate. Your credibility will lead to your success. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Expect the unexpected and you won't be caught off-guard. Taking impulsive action without having all the facts will cause too much trouble. A trip back to your roots may be enticing but costly. ✪✪

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Rain suspends Phillies, Rays Game 5 tied at 2-2

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Game 5 of the World Series was suspended because of rain in the sixth inning Monday night with the Philadelphia Phillies and Tampa Bay Rays tied at 2 and the field already a sloppy, soggy mess.

"I can't tell you tonight when we'll resume," commissioner Bud Selig said. "We'll stay here if we have to celebrate Thanksgiving here."

Rain was expected to continue into Tuesday, delaying the Phillies' chance to wrap up their first championship since 1980. Philadelphia leads three games to one.

There has never been a rain-shortened game in Series history. Whenever this one resumes, it will pick up where it left off, with the Phils about to bat in the bottom of the sixth.

"The weather tomorrow is supposed to be worse," said Bob DuPuy, MLB's chief operating officer.

Carlos Pena hit a tying, two-out single in the sixth for the Rays, and the umpires called it moments later. By then, every ball and every pitch had become an adventure because of the miserable conditions.

"The infield was tough. The ball would do funny things," Phillies second baseman Chase Utley said. "It was in bad shape. It was not playable."

If Pena had not tied it, Selig said he would not have let the Phillies win with a game that was called after six innings.

"It's not a way to end a World Series," he said. "I would not have allowed a World Series to end this way."

MLB changed its rules on suspended games in November 2006, adding a provision to resume them rather than replay them. In either case, this would have been a suspension because the visiting team tied it in the top of an inning and the home team never got to bat in the bottom half.

"It was terrible. The field wasn't bad, but it was the worst conditions I've ever played in," Tampa Bay third baseman Evan Longoria said.

Tuesday was supposed to be a travel day, if necessary. Instead, the teams will stay in Philadelphia and then head back to Tropicana Field if the Rays win.

The delay, however, forced the Rays to find a hotel in Wilmington, Del., about 25 miles away.

About 10 minutes after the game was officially suspended, an announcement was made at Citizens Bank Park telling fans wrapped in plastic sheets they were done for the night.

By then, many had left their seats and streamed into the concourses. They crowded six or seven deep, trying to see any of the game before the umps signaled for the tarp.

Because it was only lightly raining when the game started, MLB hoped it could play a full nine innings. Quickly, however, the showers turned to a steady downpour and the field became a quagmire.

By the middle innings, the grounds crew was running shuttles onto the field, carrying bags of a drying agent—baseball's version of cat litter—to absorb the water.

No luck.

A puddle formed on home plate and umpire Jeff Kellogg resorted to using a towel rather than the usual whisk broom to wipe it clean.

Batters kept blinking back the rain drops and pitchers struggled with their footing. Strong gusts dropped the wind-chill factor into the 30s, and fielders covered their bare hands between pitches.

All-Star shortstop Jimmy Rollins of the Phillies chased a popup all over and dropped it for a tough error in the fifth. There were pools of water at every base and the Phillie Phanatic wore a rain slicker for his routine.

B.J. Upton beat out an infield hit with two outs in the sixth on a ball that Rollins bobbled. Upton stole second and hustled home on Pena's hit, with left fielder Pat Burrell's throw home plopping into a puddle in the grass.

Fans showed up hoping they'd be witnesses to a World Series championship. Shane Victorino got them cheering with bases-loaded single in the first for a 2-0 lead off Scott Kazmir.

Rays manager Joe Maddon tinkered with his lineup, dropping the slumping Pena and Longoria one spot each—they were a combined 0-for-29 with 15 strikeouts after four games.

The Tampa Bay stars ended their hitless ruts in the fourth when Pena doubled off the right-field wall and Longoria followed with an RBI single up the middle that made it 2-1.

AP

The grounds crew pours drying agent on the mound at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia in the middle of the fifth inning of Game 5 of the baseball World Series between the Tampa Bay Rays and Philadelphia Phillies Monday, Oct. 27, 2008.

Umpires acknowledge another missed call in Series

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—For the second time in two days, umpires acknowledged they missed a key call in the World Series.

The Philadelphia Phillies scored in the first inning of Game 4 on Sunday night after Jimmy Rollins scampered safely back to third during a rundown. But television replays showed he was tagged on the backside by Tampa Bay's Evan Longoria and should have been called out by third base ump Tim Welke.

"He's seen the replay. He knows he missed it," Mike Port, Major League Baseball's vice president for umpiring, said Monday.

This is the first postseason in which baseball is using replay—though only to review home run calls.

Longoria swiped his arm in frustration after Rollins was called safe, and Rays manager Joe Maddon came out for a brief argument.

"I just saw him swing and miss. I never saw a tag," Welke explained after Sunday night's game. "That's a swipe tag. A lot of times on a swipe tag, the glove will pause. I saw him try to make a swipe tag but I never saw the glove pause."

Rollins wound up scoring when Pat Burrell drew a bases-loaded walk from Andy Sonnanstine, and the Phillies went on to a 10-2 victory that gave them a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven Series.

It was the Rays who got a break in Game 3, when speedy Carl Crawford was called safe by first base umpire Tom Hallion on a seventh-inning bunt single. Replays showed Jamie Moyer's glove flip to first baseman Ryan Howard beat Crawford on a close play.

"Bang-bang play, and I tried to get the best angle on it," Hallion told a pool reporter. "I really didn't get a sound to be able to judge. It winds up being a great play. And looking at a replay here, they just got him."

Crawford scored as part of a two-run rally and Tampa Bay tied it later, but Philadelphia won 5-4.

There were a couple of disputed calls during the first two games at Tampa Bay, too. Maddon screamed for a balk on Cole Hamels when he picked off a runner in the opener, and Rocco Baldelli drew a key walk on a checked swing in Game 2 that the Phillies thought had been called strike three.

Washington's Willingham forced out at season's end

SEATTLE (AP)—Tyrone Willingham's ouster Monday as Washington's football coach surprised only his players.

Two days after the Huskies fell to 0-7, athletic director Scott Woodward sat next to Willingham at the coach's weekly news conference and announced Willingham will be replaced after the season.

A move that seemed seasons in the making was actually days in the making. University president Dr. Mark Emmert said Willingham was told a change would be made after the Huskies lost 34-13 to Oregon State on Oct. 18.

"Scott and Tyrone were talking about the best ways to handle it, what the timing could be or should be and just working on details of the transition," Emmert said. "There wasn't anything particularly strategic about it."

Word of his firing, however, was slow to leak to the team, which plays at No. 7 USC on Saturday.

Quarterback Ronnie Fouch said Willingham pulled him aside just minutes before the announcement.

"It's tough. He's the reason I came here," Fouch said. "It's going to be tough to see him gone after this year."

When asked if it was his decision to leave, Willingham said flatly, "no" and added he never considered resigning.

Willingham was under fire for failing to restore Washington to national prominence. He's 11-32 overall in his four seasons, and the Huskies just lost their ninth consecutive game—an embarrassing 33-7 loss to Notre Dame on national television.

"We didn't win enough football games. That's it," Willingham said. "Hopefully, we've done all the other things right, (and) it's a good strong program for someone to jump into and do things."

With a year left on his contract, Willingham will receive a $1 million buyout.

Now, he has five games to try to salvage this lost season for the Huskies, winless through seven games for only the second time in school history.

Two of Washington's final five games will be at home, where many fans have gotten in the habit of leaving at halftime and where Willingham has faced boos recently when his image is shown on the stadium's video screen.

It's unclear how Washington's players, almost entirely recruited by Willingham and his staff, will react to the challenge.

"Change can be a good thing. Change can be a bad thing," said quarterback Jake Locker, out since Sept. 27 with a broken thumb. "It depends on how we approach it."

Willingham was hired in 2004 just weeks after he was fired at Notre Dame, where he went 21-15 but only 11-12 in his final two seasons.

When he arrived at Washington, Willingham was charged with restoring the integrity of the program that spiraled out of control during former coach Rick Neuheisel's tenure, whose UCLA team will visit the Huskies on Nov. 15.

Willingham brought stability and order to the program but that didn't add up to wins on the field, where the Huskies were plagued by second-half collapses, critical injuries and some uninspired performances in Willingham's tenure.

"It became quite obvious with the performance on the football field it wasn't up to what we talked about at the beginning of the season and previous to the season," Woodward said. "It became more obvious as time went on this season."

With a team full of freshmen and sophomores, this season is on pace to be one of the worst in school history. Washington went 1-10 in 2004 and 1-9 in 1969. The only hope for a victory this season would seem to be the Nov. 21 Apple Cup at rival Washington State.

And Willingham will be on the sideline - a position he's not eager to give up, not even next season.

"I will not rule out anything," he said when asked about his future.

Titans rally past Colts to remain undefeated

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The Tennessee Titans keep winning, and not even Peyton Manning could stop the NFL's only undefeated team.

LenDale White ran for two touchdowns, Chris Hope intercepted Manning twice and the Titans routed the Indianapolis Colts 31-21 Monday night.

The Titans (7-0) have won an NFL-best 10 straight regular-season games, matching the second-best streak in franchise history. More importantly, Tennessee grabbed control of the AFC South away from the team that has dominated this division in winning the past five titles.

Kerry Collins outplayed Manning, throwing for 193 yards with no interceptions.

"We're trying to get where they've been," Collins said. "It was a big step for us tonight I think. We obviously got off to a good start, and to get one more against a division opponent is again real big at this time of year."

Jeff Fisher joined Tom Landry and Don Shula as the only NFL coaches to start 7-0 in their 15th season or later. He credited his defense for staying patient against Manning and his team for focusing on the Colts, not its surprising start.

"The season's still early, and there's a lot of games left," Fisher said. "Our focus was on the Colts and trying to prepare ... to try to find a way to beat them. That was the commitment that we made this week. We're not looking ahead. We'll now look ahead to next weekend. As far as the division and all that stuff's concerned, we're just trying to win ballgames right now."

Coach Tony Dungy had called this a must-win for Indianapolis to have any chance at winning the division, but now his Colts (3-4) have lost two straight in their worst start since Manning's rookie season. The Colts trail Tennessee by four games in the loss column with nine games left and New England visiting on Sunday night.

"It's going to make it doubtful for us to win the division, but ... we'll see what the last nine games bring," Dungy said. "If we play well and get ourselves on a streak and get going, we can be a playoff team. I think once you get in the playoffs, anything can happen as we've seen two of the last three years."

Manning had the Colts up 14-6 in the third quarter on two touchdown passes to Dallas Clark against a Tennessee defense that came in having allowed only one TD pass through the first six games.

But the Titans came up big after tying it at 14 with 3:21 left in the third.

The NFL's stingiest scoring defense stopped the Colts on fourth-and-short on consecutive drives at the end of the third and start of the fourth. Linebacker Stephen Tulloch stopped Dominic Rhodes behind the line on fourth-and-1 with less than a minute left in the third. Rob Bironas' second field goal, a 48-yarder, gave the Titans a 17-14 lead early in the fourth quarter.

On the Colts' next possession, Manning couldn't connect first with Reggie Wayne, who failed to pull in a pass one-handed. Then former Colts cornerback Nick Harper helped break up a pass to Marvin Harrison on fourth-and-2.

"You're there in the fourth quarter and you have to make the plays to win the ballgame, and when that time came, they made them all," Dungy said of the Titans.

Tennessee responded by driving 66 yards over 6:51, and White scored his second TD—giving him 10 for the season. Hope picked off Manning again with 3:38 left. Rookie Chris Johnson scored his own TD on a 16-yard run and the sold-out crowd clad in Tennessee light blue began celebrating another win.

Manning scored on a 1-yard run with 1:17 left, but Titans safety Michael Griffin recovered the Colts' onside kick attempt that didn't travel 10 yards.

"I hope we can play a little ticked off," Manning said. "There's a healthy way to be angry and try to bounce back and do something about it. We had some chances tonight. We had the lead, and then just they made the plays in the second half, and we didn't."

Manning put the Colts up 14-6 with his second TD pass to Clark, a 19-yarder on their opening drive of the second half. That seemed like it might be enough on a night when all the Titans could manage were field goals.

They eventually got a little help from the Colts, who again were without Bob Sanders, the reigning Defensive Player of the Year, running back Joseph Addai and cornerback Kelvin Hayden.

The Titans drove 80 yards in 14 plays capped by White's 1-yard run on third-and-goal, assisted by an illegal contact penalty on Marlin Jackson with a flag coming a little late after Justin Gage had dropped a pass on third-and-5. Then Melvin Bullitt was called for pass interference on tight end Bo Scaife, putting the ball at the Indianapolis 18.

Tennessee then tied it at 14 when Collins rolled to his right and found fullback Ahmard Hall for the 2-point conversion.

AP

Tennessee Titans running back LenDale White (25) leaps over Indianapolis Colts linebacker Gary Brackett (58) to score a touchdown on a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game in Nashville, Tenn., Monday, Oct. 27, 2008.

Source: 6-8 NFL players probed for steroids

NEW YORK (AP)—Six to eight players are under investigation by the NFL for violating the league's drug policy by taking a weight-loss diuretic that is considered a masking agent for steroids. A person familiar with the case provided the number of players involved Monday, saying estimates of a higher figure were untrue. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the players are appealing the findings.

The Denver TV station Fox 31 reported last week that six to 10 players had tested positive for Bumetanide, a pill that decreases the amount of water retained in the body by increasing urination. It causes the kidneys to get rid of unneeded water and salt from the body into the urine. Other reports put the number of cases as high as 18.

New Orleans running back Deuce McAllister confirmed Sunday after the Saints 37-32 win over San Diego in London that he is one of the players being investigated although he stopped short of saying he had tested positive.

"We've been kind of going through this process for a while," McAllister said. "I guess you guys just found out about it at this point. But whatever happens, that's what's going to happen. We've hired counsel. He's going to do his job to kind of put the case together and however the NFL rules, that's the way it will be."

David Cornwell, a former lawyer for the league who has represented players in a number of these matters, confirmed last week to the AP that he is representing some players. He declined to identify any of them except Bryan Pittman, a long snapper for the Houston Texans.

"Bryan did everything humanly possible to comply with the NFL steroid policy, including obtaining doctors' written authorization to take weight loss medication. He did not use steroids," Cornwell said last week in an e-mail to the AP.

"Thus far, the only violation of the NFL steroid policy is the breach of Bryan's absolute right to confidentiality while his appeal proceeds. Whoever is leaking this story is attempting to put their thumb on the scale (of) justice to harm Bryan."

Defensive end Will Smith of the Saints and defensive tackles Kevin Williams and Pat Williams of the Vikings also have been identified in various reports—citing unidentified sources—as one of the players. None of those reports has been confirmed.

Under the NFL's steroid policy, a player testing positive for the first time can be suspended for four games.

NFL BRIEFS

Winslow "ready to move on and just play football"

BEREA, Ohio (AP)—Kellen Winslow didn't utter a word about staph infections or suspensions. After a contentious, confusing week laced with suspicion, innuendo and dueling statements, the Pro Bowl tight end returned to the Cleveland Browns on Monday eager to restart his disrupted season. "I'm ready to move on and just play football," he said. Winslow and the Browns appear to have made a truce, albeit a tenuous one. Suspended one game last week by the club, which later rescinded its penalty, Winslow rejoined his teammates one day after the Browns won for the second time this season without him. Winslow spoke briefly in front of his locker before heading to a team meeting. The 25-year-old said he has worked out his differences with Browns general manager Phil Savage and owner Randy Lerner. "They knew where I was coming from and I understood where they were coming from, so it is all worked out," he said. "I am just excited to get back to playing football, doing what I love to do. I just really see this as a challenge, so I am going to meet it."

Chiefs' Johnson charged for simple assault

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Larry Johnson, already facing possible suspension by the NFL, was charged Monday with simple assault for spitting his drink in a woman's face. Several hours later, the Kansas City Chiefs indicated the two-time Pro Bowl running back would not play for the foreseeable future. A person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press that Johnson would meet with league officials in New York on Tuesday. The person requested anonymity because the league has not announced the meeting. Johnson also faces a Dec. 4 court date for another incident that occurred last February when he allegedly pushed a woman's face in another Kansas City nightspot. This most recent alleged incident at a Kansas City nightspot on Oct. 10, marks the fourth time in five years Johnson has been accused of assaulting a woman. He was deactivated for the past two games for breaking team rules. But in a written statement Monday, Chiefs president and general manager Carl Peterson left little doubt the team's highest-paid player would be absent again this week regardless of what action the league might take.

Steelers' Holmes apologizes after missing game

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Santonio Holmes apologized Monday for being involved in a marijuana-related case that caused coach Mike Tomlin to bench him for Sunday's loss to the New York Giants. Holmes, a 2006 first-round draft pick, was charged with possession of a small amount of marijuana after a traffic stop Thursday in which city police smelled burning marijuana and found marijuana-filled cigars in his car. Holmes' preliminary hearing before a Pittsburgh district judge is scheduled for Nov. 24. "I would like to apologize to my teammates, the Steelers organization, my family and the fans for my actions that caused me to miss Sunday's game," Holmes said in a statement issued by the team. "I recognize that I made a mistake and understand the significance of my actions, and will not make any excuse for my behavior. I look forward to putting this behind me and being accepted by my teammates and the fans as part of this team." Holmes said he won't address the issue with reporters the rest of the season. The Steelers have not said if he will play Monday night at Washington or if he was fined.

DCCA opens title bid on bright note

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Division of Community and Cultural Affairs easily won over Private School System, 15-2, in the opening game of the 2008 Budweiser Inter-Government/Business Softball League on Monday night at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

The win signified DCCA's intent to reign anew as it quickly erected a 10-2 lead after two full innings en route to the 10-run rule decision.

The defending champion added five more runs on top of the fifth and pitcher Mel Sakisat issued a 1-2-3 groundouts against the PSS batters in the bottom fifth.

Joey de la Cruz went 3-for-3 to lead DCCA's offense. Craig Sanchez, Jun Saralu, and James Fleming added two runs each while Julian Camacho, Luis Iguel, Eli Rangamar, Calvin Tagabuel, and Mario Sablan had one each.

Sim Iramk and Jeff Isaac scored PSSs two runs in the bottom first.

But NMC spoiled DCCA's aspirations for a double victory in the women's division.

Four NMC players reached home plate thrice to lead their team to a morale-boosting 17-6 victory against the defending women's champion DCCA.

NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.
DCCA's Craig Sanchez gets a congratulatory five from the next batter Joey de la Cruz after scoring the first run of the season on a base hit by Mike Muna last Monday night in the Budweiser Inter-Government/ Business Softball League at the Tan Ge Pangelinan Ballfield.

Angie Ngirbedul, Connie Camacho, Kuki Pangelinan, and Edwina Baulecheng chipped in three runs each, while Pauline Camacho added two.

Three other NMC runners had one each. Linda Cabrera and Cherlyn Obichang also crossed home plate in the fourth and Felisa Brel in the sixth.

Bert Camacho led DCCA with three runs, while Doris Rangamar, Antonette Laniyo, and Jennifer Tegita had one each for their losing effort.

In the third game, P&S rallied back with two runs from Ton Reyes Sr. and Jack Reyes in the seventh and final inning to snatch a 12-11 victory at the expense of Pacific Islands Club.

Jack Reyes had two runs earlier in the match, one in the first and one in the fifth.

After Ton Reyes tied the count on a base hit by Roy Norita, Jack Reyes made the winning run via another base hit by Bernard Kileleman.

Today's game will be Customs vs. Joeten Motor Jets at 6:30pm; No Zone vs. LEG at 7:30pm; and Freedon Air vs. CUC at 8:30pm.

Games tomorrow will be DLNR vs. DEQ/CRM; Mayors vs. Saipan Cell; and POI vs. CPA.

Games Friday will be Hopwood vs. Law & Order; Finance vs. CUC (women); and Beach Boys vs. CHC.

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The Sixers will face the winner of the Rollers 1-Suns playoff game for a finals ticket on Monday. The Rollers I and Suns were playing last night, but results of the match were unavailable at press time.

The Junior Nationals will meet the victor of the G-Stars-Kontenders tiff, for the other finals seat, also on Monday. The G-Stars and the Kontenders will duel tomorrow.

The title and consolation matches are set for Nov. 4.

First Game

CNMI Junior Nationals 53 – Cruz 21, White 13, Moses 9, Rabauliman 6, Williams 4.

Sonics 42 – Ecalnea 12, Ajoste 8, Eclevia 8, Galarse 4, Salas 4, Soria 3 Chan 1, Dela Cruz 1.

Scoring by halves: 13-11, 53-42.

Second Game

Sixers 63 – Ada 24, Pepito 14, E. Duenas 11, Benavente 7, Agtarap 4, M. Duenas 3.

Saints 56 – Tudela 18, Reyes 15, Lizama 8, Iglecias 6, Masga 4, Stoll 4.

Scoring by halves: 32-20, 63-56.

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game with a 191 to finish with a 218.25 average.

Manacop also won the March, June, and September editions of the roll-off.

Barja settled for second place after his 849 total and 212.25 average failed to hold up in the face of Manacop's blistering run. The Micronesian Brokers, Inc. general manager played Sunday and took the pole position after rolls of 248, 201, 202, and 198.

Ferdee Generoso wound up third after submitting a score of 843 last Monday built around a four-game series of 258, 189, 182, and 214, good for a 210.75 average. Incidentally, Generoso's first game score was the tournament's top score.

The win was worth a cool $100 for Manacop, while Barja and Generoso didn't come home empty handed with cash prizes of $50 and $30, respectively. Manacop also won a case of Waioka sardines from MBI.

Dannie Robles (802), Richard Leong (789), Raymond Zapanta (789), Raymond Angeles (779), Efren Cacdac (702), and Percy Omechalang (678) complete the Top 10 for the October King of the Lanes.

Unlike Barja, January winner Williams fended off challenges in the women's division to win the October Queen of the Lanes.

Her four-game series of 213, 164, 179, and 175 (731 total and 182.75 average) Sunday was good enough to beat all comers on Monday.

Curiously, Yho Villavicencio also held sway on the No. 2 spot after a roll of 722 (188, 183, 188, and 163 for a 180.5 average) on the first day.

Ron Cal settled for second runner-up after her Monday total of 186, 179, 149, and 194 added up to a 708 pinfall total and 177 average.

Williams won $60 and a case of Waioka sardines for the victory, while Villavicencio and Cal settled for the $30 and $20 runner-up purses.

Gina Sablan (679) and Gloria Omechalang (670) complete the Top 5 in the women's division.

Last Sunday, Raphael Zapanta reasserted his mastery in the Bing Prince of the Lanes Tenpin Bowling Tournament, winning his seventh monthly championship following a four-game series total of 765 pinfalls.

The October championship follows Zapanta's victories in the February, March, May, June, July, and August editions of the roll-off.

Like the Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes, the Bing Prince/Princess of the Lanes is sponsored by MARPAC.

SHARKS

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"I had to calm them down after losing the first set. After they relaxed, they played better as a team," said the Sharks' coach Asia Michaleun a few minutes after the game.

The huge win by the Sharks sent all Top 4 teams after the two-round robin eliminations into the semifinal round of the middle school division.

Earlier, Whispering Palms also earned a semis slot by beating Saipan Community School in straight sets, 25-20, 25-10.

The Sharks, who placed seventh last year, was ranked No. 2 after the elimination round, while the WPS Terns was No. 3.

On Monday's start of the playoffs, No. 1 Grace Christian Academy and No. 4 Saipan International School-Green also reached the semis by winning over their respective opponents.

The GCA Eagles stamped their class over No. 8 SIS-Blue, 25-19, 25-18, while the SIS Green Geckos pulled out a hard-earned 25-19, 25-22 victory over No. 5 Mount Carmel.

SDA, which lost most of its champion players this year due to graduation, settled for seventh place in the eliminations.

SCS finished in the bottom of the eight-team field league.

The semis will start at 3:30pm today with the Eagles posed as the heavy favorite to win against the Green Geckos.

The Eagles closed out their elimination matches with a 12-2 record, including 2-0 against the Green Geckos.

The Sharks and the Terns, the two teams that gave the Eagles a loss this year, will also square off at 3:30pm in the other semifinal match-up.

Asked about their chances, Michaleun said their game against the Terns would be a very close game.

"It will just depend on who's going to play well in the game," she said.

Michaleun said they have two more games left to win to claim that elusive crown, which she said would be the biggest challenge for the team and for her personally—as a first-time coach.

"I'm very nervous," said the 24-year-old mentor.

SGA sets tourneys for rest of 2008

Saipan Golf Association has released the schedule of the club's remaining events for this year.

On Nov. 16, SGA will be holding the November Ace of the Month Tournament and the 2008 Annual Turkey Shootout at the Coral Ocean Point.

Members/players present at the award ceremony will receive turkeys, regardless of their performance in the two tournaments.

Entrance fee is $35 for the two events.

The last Ace of the month tournament is set for Nov. 30 with the winner claiming the December Ace title and earning the last slot to the Ace of the Aces Tournament. The last monthly event will take place at the Marianas Country Club in Marpi.

The Ace of the Aces Tournament, which is SGA's club championship, will have two rounds of play. The first round on Dec. 13 will be held at the Kingfisher Golf Links, while COP will host the second round on Dec. 14.

Tee off and check-in times for the remaining events will be announced later.

So far, qualifiers for the Ace of the Aces Tournament include Mariano Fajardo, Joe Sablan, Ned Norita, Larry Deleon Guerrero, Carl Hocog, Edward Manibusan, Nobert Sablan, Ron Hodges, Art Deleon Guerrero, and Steve Balakrishna.

Monthly winners and the Ace of the Aces champion will get their trophies during the awards banquet/SGA Christmas Party on Dec. 19 at Charley's Cabaret at the Pacific Islands Club.

The party will run from 6pm to 11pm.

For more information, contact SGA president Martin Sablan at 483-6278, vice president John Takai at 484-3045, secretary Larry Guerrero at 287-1052, or tournament coordinator Mariano Fajardo at 483-2549. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

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Clayton Isuka, 8-4.

Joining Kevin and Dela Cruz in the champions' circle was Madlangbayan, who ruled Level 1 after thwarting Airi Hatamata in the finals, 6-3. Madlangbayan first prevailed over Kyung Ryung Kim, 6-4, and earned a finals ticket after beating Tae Il Kim in the semis, 6-3.

Airi walloped Seung Jae Kim in her first match, 6-1, and advanced to the finals after thwarting Gio Song, 6-3.

Tai Il Kim and Sam Soledad finished third and fourth, respectively. Tae Il Kim won over Alfie Madlangbayan, 6-3, and A.J. Hudkins, 6-4, while Soledad defeated Kyung Ryung Kim, 6-3, and Song, 6-2.

The Top 4 placers in each level received trophies. Each level featured a mixed of boys and girls players.

Coach Peter Loyola organized the tournament and said he decided to have a co-ed tournament and divide players based on their skill levels to have a balanced competition.

Besides the trophies for the Top 4 finishers Loyola also handed out sportsmanship awards to three players, namely Clayton Isuka, Alfie Madlangbayan, and Seung Jae Kim.

Loyola thanked the following for making the tournament possible: Lydia Tan and family, Vicky Isuka and family, the Fiesta Resort staff, tournament official Ken Imaya, Fiesta Resort sports and recreation manager Chris Fizer, and division room manager Ronel Sunga.

More than 30 players joined the junior tournament, which served as a warm-up for next month's NMITA Fall Classic Champinship.

Loyola said he will be hosting a tournament for adult players next month after the Fall Classic.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	2	0	.714	153	132
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	165	143
N.Y. Jets	4	3	0	.571	182	170
Miami	3	4	0	.429	145	146
South						
Tennessee	7	0	0	1.000	180	87
Indianapolis	3	3	0	.429	149	161
Jacksonville	3	4	0	.429	141	151
Houston	3	4	0	.429	175	185
North						
Pittsburgh	5	2	0	.714	155	110
Baltimore	4	3	0	.571	134	110
Cleveland	3	4	0	.429	115	123
Cincinnati	0	8	0	.000	104	217
West						
Denver	4	3	0	.571	173	195
San Diego	3	5	0	.375	224	199
Oakland	2	5	0	.286	107	177
Kansas City	1	6	0	.143	99	193

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	6	1	0	.857	191	115
Washington	6	2	0	.750	165	145
Dallas	5	3	0	.625	202	184
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	194	137
South						
Carolina	6	2	0	.750	174	127
Tampa Bay	5	3	0	.625	170	120
Atlanta	4	3	0	.571	153	154
New Orleans	4	4	0	.500	216	195
North						
Chicago	4	3	0	.571	196	150
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	194	159
Minnesota	3	4	0	.429	154	167
Detroit	0	7	0	.000	114	212
West						
Arizona	4	3	0	.571	200	171
Seattle	2	5	0	.286	144	184
St. Louis	2	5	0	.286	112	201
San Francisco	2	6	0	.250	171	230

Yesterday's Game
Tennessee 31, Indianapolis 21

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2008 Custom Goodwill Fundraising Softball Tournament

DCEPT 6 and Faha players exchange high-fives after their championship game in the 2008 Custom Goodwill Fundraising Softball Tournament held last Oct. 19 at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

DCEPT 6 pitcher Elias Rangamar, left, hi-fives coach Elias Saralu after the former struck out a Faha batter.

Far left, Faha and DCEPT 6 players pose for group photo during the awards ceremony.

Left, DCEPT 6's Dolores Rangamar waits for the pitch, while a Faha catcher signals to pitcher Jerry Ayuyu, not in the photo.

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Faha's Toi Celis has his eyes on the ball and later made an over-the-fence homer during their title game against DCEPT 6.

DCEPT 6's Luis Iguel swings during their title game against Faha.

DCEPT 6's Nokkie Saralu exerts all his power in this hit.

Faha's Roy Celis hits it hard during Game 1 of their title match against DCEPT

DCEPT 6's Jesus Iguel watches the ball pass over the plate during their title game against Faha.

Faha's Jerry Ayuyu delivers a pitch.

Elias Rangamar pitches in no relief for DCEPT 6 in their title game against Faha.

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Rain suspends Phillies, Rays Game 5 tied at 2-2

Game 5 of the World Series was suspended because of rain in the sixth inning Monday night with the Philadelphia Phillies and Tampa Bay Rays tied at 2 and the field already a sloppy, soggy mess.

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Jr. Nationals, Sixers oust playoff foes

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The top two teams after the regular season in the 2008 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League lived up to expectations at the start of the playoffs Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Pennant champion CNMI Junior Nationals defeated the Southern Sonics in the first game, 53-42, while second-seeded San Antonio Sixers downed the Chalan Kanoa Saints, 63-56.

The Junior Nationals and the Sixers are now in the semifinals, while the Saints and the Sonics were eliminated in the single-elimination playoffs.

The nine-point win allowed the Junior Nationals to avenge their 74-67 loss to the Sonics in the regular season. The Junior Nationals finished the elimination round with a perfect 8-0 record after their lone loss to the Sonics was nullified, as the latter fielded an ineligible player in the 18-and-under caging.

Besides forfeiting their win against the Junior Nationals, the Sonics' four other victories were nullified, putting them in last place in the playoffs and pitting them against the pennant champion.

The Sixers' Joe Ada goes for a reverse layup against the Saints' Luizi Reyes during their playoff game in the Rotary caging Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Jericho Cruz paced the Junior Nationals with 21 points, while Joseph White chipped in 13 markers to boost their team's title defense.

The Junior Nationals won last year's finals against the Sonics, 98-91.

The Sixers placed third last season, but strengthened their bid for a finals trip after a seven-point win over the Saints.

The Sixers led by 12, 32-20, at halftime behind the 16-point explosion of Joe Ada in the first half.

But the Saints moved within a point in the first five minutes of the second half after launching a 12-1 run. The Saints capitalized on the Sixers' errors and turned them into fastbreak layups to threaten the Ray Duenas-coached squad.

But the Sixers recovered and answered with their own 12-2 run to widen the lead anew, 64-34, going into the last six minutes of the game.

The Sixers hung on to the lead to foil the Saints' upset bid

Ada top-scored for the Sixers with his 24 points, while Novo Pepito and Ernest Duenas chipped in 14 and 11 markers, respectively.

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Manacop, Williams win anew in monthly roll-off

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

October King of the Lanes Simon Manacop is flanked by runners-up Kitz Barja, left, and Ferdee Generoso.

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Simon Manacop and Emi Williams both rolled to victory in the October Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes Bowling Tournament last Monday at the Capital Bowling Center in Garapan.

Manacop won his fourth men's monthly championship after leapfrogging first day leader Kitz Barja in the second day of the tournament.

The Department of Public Safety officer bested Barja's total by 24 pinfalls after putting together a four-game series of 873 last Monday.

The former youth bowler had it going right from the get-go, exploding out of the gates with a 232 in the first game and then followed it up with a more impressive 237 in the second.

He didn't let up in the third game, knocking down 213 pins before wavering a bit in his fourth and final

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Three top Jehovah-Jireh tennis

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Three upcoming junior tennis players made their marks in the Inaugural 2008 Jehovah-Jireh Tennis Tournament held over the weekend at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis courts.

Carl Dela Cruz, Kevin Rhee, and Tiffany Madlangbayan stood out among 28 other participants in the weekend netfest winning the Levels 3, 2, and 1 divisions.

Dela Cruz claimed the championship trophy in the Level 1 competition after outlasting Kennedy Isuka in the closely fought finals match, 8-6.

Dela Cruz started his bid in Level 1 with a 6-3 win over Adelle Hudkins. He moved to the semifinals after whipping Morris Villanueva, 8-1.

Isuka also won his opening match, beating Jack Sharer, 8-4. In the semifinals, Isuka prevailed over Grant Rhee, 8-2, before muffing his title bid against Dela Cruz.

Aaron Lee settled for third after defeating Grant Rhee in the consolation match, 8-7 (7-5).

Hudkins dropped to fifth, followed by Emily Jones.

In Level 2, Kevin Rhee defeated Sakura Imaya in the finals, 8-3. Kevin whipped Jason Gamboa first, 8-4, and moved into the title match after topping Alex Park in the semis, 8-2.

Imaya won over Laurea Briosos in the quarterfinals, 8-1, and against Tomo Hatamata in the semifinals, 8-3.

Gamboa secured third place after outclassing Julian Briosos, 8-4, and

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Gio Song prepares for a double-handed forehand return during her game against Alfie Madlangbayan in Level 1 division of the Inaugural 2008 Jehovah-Jireh Tennis Tournament held over the weekend at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis courts.

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Players of Calvary Christian Academy pose minutes after advancing to the semifinals via a three-set victory over defending champion Seventh Day Adventist, 16-25, 25-16, 15-11, yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Coach Asia Michaleun is standing at right.

Sharks, Terns advance to semis in HS volleyball

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Calvary Christian Academy went through the eye of the needle to score its biggest victory so far this season.

The Sharks rallied from a first set loss to oust defending champion Seventh Day Adventist, 16-25, 25-16, 15-11, in the round of eight in the ongoing playoffs of the 2008 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball Tournament yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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